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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Wednesday, the 8th day of January* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.
J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
JOHN TAWSE, Esq.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Letter from Dr. Begg, regretting that he was prevented by indisposition from being present, was laid on the table.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman. Mr. Adamson dissented from the portion of the Minute authorising the Chairman to purchase the ground in the corner of Cambridge Street for a site for West Port School, on the ground that his understanding was that the Chairman was only authorised to report upon the site in question.

The following Minute of a Special Meeting of the Board, held on the 18th December 1878, was held as read, and approved :—

AT a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Wednesday, the 18th day of December* 1878, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	JAMES GOWANS, Esq.
Rev. SIR H. W. MONCREIFF, Bart., D.D.	J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.
	Rev. A. WILLIAMSON.
Rev. WILLIAM ADAMSON.	Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.
JOHN GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.
DAVID DICKSON, Esq.	JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

The Clerk read the Minutes of last meeting of the Board agreeing to hold this meeting.

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The Board proceeded to consider the closing of Holyrood School.

Mr. Adamson moved, and Mr. Dickson seconded :—That the former decision of the Board anent the closing of Holyrood School be rescinded, and that it be kept on as a Public School.

Miss Stevenson moved, and Mr. Guthrie Smith seconded :—That the Board ask the consent of the Scotch Education Department to keep open the Infant Department of Holyrood School for the accommodation of children under seven years of age, and in the event of the sanction of the Department being obtained, that the School be kept open in the meantime as an Infant School, and that the fee be 8d. per month.

A vote having been taken, there voted for Mr. Adamson's motion, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Dickson, Sir Henry Moncreiff:—and for Miss Stevenson's : Miss Blyth, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Gowans, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Dick Peddie, Mr. Guthrie Smith, Miss Stevenson, Mr. Williamson.

There being a majority for the amendment, it became the judgment of the Board.

The following Report of the School Attendance Committee was read, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee have again to report to the Board the difficulty of enforcing attendance at school, in the case of a large number of children, who, through the poverty or negligence of their parents, are insufficiently clothed and fed.

The number of such children is estimated at from 300 to 350.

The Committee are of opinion that the existing Industrial Schools, which supply the necessary accommodation for children who can be sent to them under the Clauses of the Industrial Schools Act, do not meet the case of the class of children referred to ; and that the Industrial Schools should be supplemented by the establishment of Day Industrial Feeding Schools.

The classes of children for whom such schools are necessary are :—

I. The children of parents—widows and widowers—who being at work all day cannot look after their children during school hours.

II. Children of intemperate parents, who could afford to pay for their children's maintenance, and who neglect them.

III. Children of the truant and incorrigible class, who could not, however, be sent to certified Industrial Schools, and for whom the permanent restraint of such Schools is not necessary.

In order to make such Schools available for these truant children, it is essential that Day Industrial Schools should be certified Schools, as, in order to secure the attendance of the children, they must be committed to the Schools under a Magistrate's warrant or School Attendance Order, which should carry with it power to recover from the parent a weekly sum for the child's maintenance.

The Committee again recommend the Board to bring these facts before the Government.

The Committee would direct the attention of the Board to the fact that, from evidence given before the Endowed Schools Commission in 1872, it appears that in the provisional order applied for by the

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Governors of Heriot's Trust in 1870, they asked for powers "to provide Industrial Schools."

The Committee would therefore recommend the Board to bring the subject and the facts of the case under the consideration of the Governors of Heriot's Trust, who are understood to be preparing a scheme for the administration of the Trust under the Endowed Institutions Act of 1878.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

It was agreed to delay the consideration of the Report until the ordinary meeting in January, and the Chairman was instructed to communicate with the Right Honourable R. A. Cross, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and the Lord Advocate, with the view to have an interview with them on the subject of the Education of Destitute and Neglected Children.

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the authority given him at last meeting of the Board (December 11th), he had purchased from Mr. Gowans, one of the members of the Board, a piece of ground situated at the junction of Cambridge Street and Brunswick Place, extending to 1350 square yards, or thereby, at the price of Five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds sterling (£5250), inclusive of Feu-duty: that the Feu-duty payable to the over-superior amounts to Ninety-seven pounds sterling per annum: and that he would recommend, with Mr. Gowans's approval, that this Feu-duty be allowed to remain as a burden on the property: and that, after deducting the value of it at twenty-two years' purchase, the sum of Three thousand one hundred and sixteen pounds (£3116) be paid to Mr. Gowans. He further stated that the Board were to take over Mr. Gowans's obligations regarding the gables and mutual walls, and that in respect there were certain restrictions in the Titles, the purchase was not to be absolutely concluded until it was seen whether the necessary consents were got to a school being built.

The Board approved of the Report, and remitted to Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., with instructions to take the necessary steps to obtain the consents above referred to, and to conclude the purchase in terms of the Chairman's Report upon these consents being obtained.

The Clerk stated that the Board had formerly obtained the sanction of the Board of Education to the erection of a School to accommodate 600 children in this locality.

In respect that the Managers of the Free Church School of Fountainbridge have intimated to the Board their intention to close that School in July 1879, the Board resolved to ask the sanction of the Scotch Education Department to erect this School to accommodate 800 children.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

The Clerk read letter, of this date, from Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., with copy letter, of 3d inst., from Mr. Kirk Mackie, S.S.C., agent for Grindlay's Trustees, superiors of the ground in Cambridge Street, in which Mr. Mackie states that "the superiors had in view that the terms of the Charter of this ground required the erection of dwelling-houses or shops, but in so far as they are concerned, it was resolved not to

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raise any objection to the erection of school buildings, provided (1) Mr. Gowans and the School Board will relieve the superiors of all claims by or questions with the neighbouring feuars, and obtain their consent to the erection: and (2) that the plans and elevations of the proposed school buildings will be to the satisfaction of the superiors."

In respect that objection had been taken by a member of the Board to the legality of the purchase of this site, and that the price given for it was said to exceed its value; and also that the consents necessary have not been obtained, it was agreed to remit the whole question to the Law Committee to consider and report.

The following Report of the Committee on School Attendance was read by Miss Stevenson:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee recommend that Mr. George Robertson, Head Master of New Street School, be requested to undertake the examination of children under thirteen years of age applying for admission to Evening Classes.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from the Rev. A. Mackenzie, Tolbooth Free Church, asking the Board to reconsider their decision regarding the closing of the Infant Department of Victoria Terrace School. The decision of the Board to close the School having been reported to the Scotch Education Department, the Committee are of opinion that the question cannot now be opened; at the same time, they are unable to find any reason why the Board should re-consider the matter.

The Committee agreed to call a Special Meeting of the Board, to be held in the Police Court-room, on Saturday, the 11th January 1879, at Two o'clock, to consider the cases of defaulting parents, and remitted to the Convener to revise the list of cases to be summoned before the Board.

The Committee also remitted to the Convener, with powers, to prepare a list of cases of parents whose children were found by the Officers selling Newspapers, etc., with the view to their being prosecuted in terms of the Statute.

The Clerk was instructed to print a selection of the names of parties recently convicted before the Sheriff for allowing their children to sell Newspapers, etc., on the street, and to take means to get them distributed among parents and others interested.

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee submitted a statement of the cost of erecting, fitting, and furnishing of the seven new schools which have been opened, and whose accounts have been closed.—(*See Appendix No. I.*)

The Committee have to report that they have received the first instalment, amounting to £6735, of the loan of £15,735 from the Public

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Works Loan Commissioners, and that they have authorised the transfer, out of this loan, of £1735, being the cost of erecting the writing-room of the High School, from the Building Fund Account to the High School Account, and from the High School Account to the General Fund Account.

The Committee recommend that the writing-room of the High School be insured to the amount of £1200, and the fittings of the same to the extent of £200.

The Committee recommend that the estimates for apparatus, books, and slates, accepted last year, be continued upon the same terms till 31st December 1879, and that Messrs. W. & A. K. Johnston's Wall Illustrations be included amongst those which may be selected by teachers.

The Committee have to submit a statement of the expenditure of the various schools, as at the end of their respective school years, for 1878, the average cost per scholar, and the amounts credited to each school from Government Grant, Rate, and Fees respectively. —(*See Appendix No. II.*)

The Committee instructed the Clerk to supply to North Canongate School three clocks—one for each hall, from Mr. Bryson, George IV. Bridge.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to intimate to the Scotch Education Department that the Board will require £10,000 of the Building Loan of £40,000, applied for at last meeting of the Board, for the erection of Canonmills School.

JOHN TAWSE,
Convener.

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Joint Committee on Law and Finance was read:—

REPORT OF JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES ON LAW AND FINANCE.

The Committees have considered Form 77 T, being the general order regulating the Triennial Election of School Boards issued by the Scotch Education Department, and dated November 1878, and also Circular 22, dated 2d December 1878, which accompanied the order, regarding the expenses of the Election.

The Joint-Committees are of opinion that it will be necessary to ask their Lordships to alter these regulations in some of their details, in order to suit the requirements of large constituencies, and they accordingly request the Board to continue the remit. In the meantime, they recommend the Board to ask the leave of the Department to authorise the making up of an Electoral Roll, which will require to be proceeded with at once, before it can be known whether there will be a Poll or not.

The constituency consists of all persons being of lawful age whose names are entered on the latest Valuation Roll, as the owners or occupiers of lands and heritages of the annual value of not less than £4. Females being entitled to vote, none of the other municipal or parochial registers are available, and the Valuation Roll of the burgh not being printed, a copy can only be obtained at considerable expense. There

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is, however, no reason why the Board should not get a copy made for themselves, which will be much the cheapest way, and under section 25 of the new Act they are entitled to access to the roll free of charge for this purpose.

If this meets the approval of the Board, the Clerk should be instructed to make application to the Town-Clerk for access to the Roll, in terms of the above section.

J GUTHRIE SMITH,
Convener.

The Report was approved, Bailie Tawse dissenting from the portion of the Report recommending the preparation of an Electoral Roll by the Board.

The following Report of the Committee on School Work was read :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had before them an application for increase of salary from Miss Alexander, Assistant in Dean School. The Committee recommend that, until the whole question of salaries of teachers and assistants be considered by the Board, no application for increase of salary from an individual teacher or assistant be entertained.

The Committee had before them an application from Mr. Charles Henderson, teacher of singing, for the use of Bristo School to teach a class of singing on Saturday evenings in connection with the evening classes. The Committee are unable to recommend the Board to grant the request.

The Committee recommend the Board to require of candidates for the office of Pupil-teacher, in future, to produce along with their application, a medical certificate of robust health.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey further stated that the Committee, in accordance with the resolution come to at last meeting of the Board, had made the following arrangements for the examination of Candidates for the office of Pupil-teachers, viz. :—

The first examination will be held in North Canongate School on Saturday, 25th January, at 10 o'clock A.M.

All the candidates will be examined in the subjects of the Sixth Standard (Scotch Code 1878) and Dictation.

Papers in Euclid, Latin, and French will be set for such candidates as profess these subjects.

No one who fails in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, or Dictation will be retained on the list of candidates.

Candidates between the ages of 14 and 15 years must earn 50 per cent. of the available marks in the subjects of the Sixth Standard and in Dictation; candidates between the ages of 15 and 16 years must earn 65 per cent.; and candidates over the age of 16 years must earn 80 per cent. of the available marks in order to be retained on the list of candidates.

The marks attained in Euclid, Latin, or French will be credited to the candidates who have been retained upon the list, and will be taken into consideration in making appointments.

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The Board considered the Report of the School Attendance Committee regarding the education of Destitute and Neglected Children, delayed from the Special Meeting of the Board held on the 18th December 1878.

The Chairman verbally reported the result of an interview with the Right Hon. Mr. Cross, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and the Lord Advocate, during the visit of the former to the city.

Miss Stevenson moved that the Board adopt the Report, and remit to the Committee to take the necessary steps to give effect to the recommendations contained in it, and also to bring the subject before the Merchant Company. This motion was agreed to.

Miss Stevenson reported that since last Ordinary Meeting of the Board, 23 children applied for admission to Evening Classes; of these, 11 were passed, and 11 additional were allowed to attend an Evening Class for one month. The total number passed this Session now amounts to 182.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Wilson, Architect of St. Leonard's School, reported that the work had been stopped on account of the storm. The tracks for the walls were nearly all excavated before the storm commenced.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid on the Table:—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending December 28, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending December 28,		2207
Of the above number there are:—		
Dead,	3	
Above age,	40	
Incurable,	1	
Left the City,	47	
Removed to other parts of the City	46	
Gone to School,	1284	
Absent through Temporary Causes,	786	
		2207
Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are:—		
Refractory,	3	
Sick,	473	
Wanting Clothing,	45	
Unable to pay Fees,	23	
Considered too young,	28	
Absent from want of Accommodation,	1	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, (Fault of Parents, 182; Fault of Children, 31)	213	
		786

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N.B.—Of the 786 Absent, 471 are returned over seven years of age, and 315 under seven.

Of the 473 returned Sick, 9 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough, and 4 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
Edinburgh, *December* 31, 1878.

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 9th and 30th November 1878, and not disposed of in pre-reports.

To be—

Prosecuted.—10 Parents with 16 Children, of whom there are sent to School 8—not sent 3—gone to Lanark R. C. Orphanage 1—to Original Ragged Industrial School 1—sick 3. Total, ... 16

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—2 Parents with 2 Children—both children sick. Total, ... 2

To be—

Delayed.—7 Parents with 11 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 1—not yet sent 5—gone to Leith Industrial School 1—sick 4. Total, ... 11

Total, . . . 29

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
31*st December* 1878.

Compulsory Officer's Report on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Eight Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 4th and 24th December 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	84	
„ irregular, ...	7	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	3	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	94
Carry forward,		94

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	Brought forward,	94
Girls regular, ...	48	
„ irregular, ...	8	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	...	
„ gone to the country, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	1	
	—	57
Total, . .		151

Nine Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	31	
„ irregular, ...	5	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	...	
	—	36
Girls regular, ...	14	
„ irregular, ...	2	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	1	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	17
Total, .		53

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
31*st December* 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid on the Table :—

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ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 6 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 27th December 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th Dec. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	6486	4087	10,573	5856	3516	9372	4722	2545	7267	80·63	72·04	77·53
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	Re	tur	ns in	com	ple	te.						
6 Non-Board Schools, . .	643	603	1,246	578	441	1019	457	312	769	79·06	70·74	75·46
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4742	..	..	4285	..	..	90·36
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
6 for Young Men, . . .	..	..	640	..	..	355	..	..	234	..	..	65·91
2 for Young Women, . .	..	..	143	..	..	103	..	..	89	..	..	86·4
15 Heriot Classes, . . .	..	..	..	..	..	962	..	..	697	..	..	72·44

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to request the teachers of the various Schools to send in the returns of attendance punctually.

The Clerk reported that the School Management Committee had made the following appointments:—Thomas W. Paterson, to West Fountainbridge School; Sarah L. Neil, to Dalry School; Christina Chalmers, to Leith Walk School. Letters were laid on the Table from Mr. Paterson and Miss Neil accepting the appointments offered to them, and from Miss Chalmers declining the appointment.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee, with powers, to appoint an assistant to Leith Walk School.

The Chairman reported that North Canongate School was opened on the morning of January 6, by Mr. Swanston, Headmaster, and the staff of teachers appointed to the School. The Clerk was instructed to intimate to the Scotch Education Department the opening of the School.

It was agreed to have a formal opening of the School on Monday, the 27th, at Two P.M.

The Clerk laid on the Table a notice received from the Town-Clerk, intimating that the clauses exempting the High School from assessment in the Edinburgh Roads and Streets Act and Provisional Order were not to be re-enacted in the Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill. The Board agreed to take no steps in the matter.

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Circular 34 and Form 6c. from the Scotch Education Department, regarding the examination of Higher Class Public Schools, and asking for Statistics of Income, Expenditure, Attendance, Fees, etc., of the High School.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare and forward the statistics asked for. The Circular was remitted to the High School Committee to consider and report.

The following allocation of £42, 2s. among the staff of teachers of St. Leonard's School, agreed to at last meeting of the Board, was submitted and approved, viz. :—

Mr. Philip, late Head Teacher, . . .	£2	13	10
Mr. Andrew, Head Teacher, ...	13	9	2
Miss Cameron, ...	8	1	6
Mr. M'Caull, ...	5	7	8
Miss Gilchrist, ...	4	0	0
Miss Thallon, ...	3	0	0
Mr. Fraser, ...	1	1	6
Mr. Ross, ...	2	11	7
Miss Prentice, ...	1	16	9
	£42	2	0

The following Memoranda of Agreements with Pupil-teachers were signed by a quorum of the Board, and attested, viz. :—*Dean School*, Helen Hadden, Ann Wood; *Deanhaugh Street School*, Janet Mitchell; *Holyrood School*, Wm. Scott Stevenson; *Leith Walk School*, Annie Dods, Jemima Brown Aitchison, Alexander Leggett, James Hunter, John M'Laren; *St. Leonard's School*, Jane Ann Ellis Stevenson, Hannah Lawson, Lydia MacVean; *Stockbridge School*, Charlotte Walls Crawford; *Victoria Terrace School*, Isabella Grierson, Grace Park, Mary Lauder Wilson, Thomas Roddick; *West Fountainbridge School*, Kate Forsyth Bremner, Charlotte Forsyth Sutherland, Margaret B. Livingstone, Wm. S. Brownlie, Matthew Sanderson; and *West Port School*, Agnes Millar.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Wilson, architect, to visit and report upon the drainage, etc., of Bristo School; and to Mr. Beattie, architect, regarding the ventilation of Dalry School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

STATEMENT *showing cost of Erecting, Fitting, and Furnishing the Seven New Schools which have been opened, and whose Accounts have been closed.*

Name of School.	Total Cost of Site, Erection, and Fitting.	Cost of Site.	Cost of Erection, Fitting, etc.			Accommodation and Cost per Scholar.		Accommodation and Cost per Scholar.	
			Erection.	Fitting.	Total Cost, exclusive of Site.	At 10 and 9 sq. ft. p. Scholar.	Cost per Child, exclusive of Site.	At 8 sq. ft. p. Scholar.	Cost per Child, exclusive of Site.
1. Bristo, ...	£19,257 18 5	£8,739 16 2	£9,789 7 2	£728 15 1	£10,518 2 3	714	£14 14 7½	862	£12 4 0½
2. Causewayside, . .	12,966 11 6	3,254 4 4	9,083 11 3	628 15 11	9,712 7 2	534	18 3 9	637	15 4 11½
3. Dean, ...	6,651 17 10	1,046 14 0	5,396 3 5	209 0 5	5,605 3 10	349	16 1 2½	420	13 6 10¾
4. Leith Walk, . . .	17,663 8 5	3,196 16 7	13,883 17 8	582 14 2	14,466 11 10	837	17 5 5½	1015	14 5 0½
5. New Street, . . .	6,089 16 2	3,102 2 10	2,713 19 10	273 13 6	2,987 13 4	650	4 11 11	782	3 16 4¾
6. Stockbridge, . . .	11,587 6 9	2,535 14 6	8,423 4 2	628 8 1	9,051 12 3	522	17 6 9	623	14 10 6¾
7. West Fountainbridge, .	14,439 15 1	3,482 18 1	10,286 6 7	670 10 5	10,956 17 0	770	14 4 6¾	931	11 15 4½
	£88,656 14 2	£25,358 6 6	£59,576 10 1	£3,721 17 9	£63,298 7 8	4376	14 9 2½	5270	12 0 2½

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APPENDIX No. II.

Income and Expenditure of Elementary Schools.

Name of School.	Income and Expenditure.				Average Attendance.	Cost per Scholar in Average Attendance.
	Grants.	Fees.	Rates.	Total.		
Bristo,	£216 18 6	£201 15 8	£551 0 2	£969 14 4	404	£2 8 0
Causewayside,	446 8 0	260 1 0½	765 2 4½	1471 11 5	522	2 16 4½
Dean,	240 8 0	156 13 2	336 10 9½	733 11 11⅓	311	2 7 2¼
Deanhaugh,	240 19 0	137 17 7½	116 8 3½	495 4 11	297	1 13 4
Holyrood,	225 11 1	148 1 6⅓	189 14 10	563 7 4½	300	1 17 6½
Leith Walk,	604 2 0	422 17 9½	552 18 8	1579 18 5½	761	2 1 6¼
New Street,	651 10 6	307 14 3	860 0 7½	1819 5 4½	817	2 4 6¼
Ponton Street,	43 10 0	45 4 11½	283 13 1½	372 8 1	78	4 15 4½
Roseburn,	267 2 6	154 17 6⅓	192 18 5	614 18 5½	301	2 0 10¼
St. Leonard's,	567 3 0	387 16 5	381 6 3	1336 5 8	746	1 15 9⅔
Stockbridge,	564 2 6	345 15 2⅓	559 3 3	1469 0 11½	609	2 8 2⅔
Victoria Terrace,	164 3 0	78 9 4	142 12 6½	385 4 10½	241	1 11 11½
West Fountainbridge,	739 3 6	509 11 5½	565 5 3½	1814 0 3	888	2 0 10¼
West Port,	202 8 0	91 6 11½	164 1 11	457 16 10½	259	1 15 4¼
	£5173 9 6	£3248 2 11½	£5660 16 6⅓	£14,082 9 0	6534	£2 3 1¼

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 27th December* 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 27th Dec. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	726	396	1122	661	325	986	555	268	823	83·9	82·4	83·47
Causewayside,	463	327	790	451	277	728	376	219	595	83·3	79·	81·73
Dalry,	682	448	1130	623	423	1046	465	271	736	70·3	64·	67·21
Dean,	248	170	418	223	143	366	193	120	313	86·5	83·9	85·51
Deanhaugh Street,	219	147	366	199	124	323	151	74	225	75·8	59·6	69·65
Holyrood,	212	271	483	170	243	413	137	150	287	80·5	61·7	69·49
Leith Walk,	916	429	1345	829	367	1196	637	251	888	76·8	71·1	74·24
New Street,	765	457	1222	688	403	1091	568	303	871	82·5	75·1	79·83
Roseburn,	17	82	99	13	76	89	10	54	64	76·9	71·	71·91
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	494	293	787	415	222	637	84·	75·7	80·94
Stockbridge,	540	270	810	513	252	765	411	169	580	80·1	67·	75·81
Victoria Terrace,	207	173	380	174	120	294	128	85	213	73·5	70·8	72·44
West Fountainbridge,	695	388	1083	643	348	991	544	270	814	84·6	77·5	82·13
West Port,	231	170	401	175	122	297	132	89	221	76·	72·9	74·4
Total,	6486	4087	10573	5856	3516	9372	4722	2545	7267	80·63	72·04	77·53
Corresponding period last Session,	5965	3948	9913	5366	3228	8594	4132	2344	6476	77·	72·6	75·35

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APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 27th December* 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 27th Dec. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	164	216	380	119	143	262	101	112	213	84·8	78·3	81·29
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .												
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Infants),	...	368	368	...	190	190	...	144	144	...	75·78	75·78
,, ,, (Girls),	226	...	226	170	...	170	133	...	133	78·23	...	78·23
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	347	498	845	167	205	372	143	134	277	85·62	65·36	74·46
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .												
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys), .												
,, ,, (Girls), .												
,, ,, (Infants), .												
Total,												
Corresponding period last year for nine Schools, . . .	1815	900	2715	1435	562	1997	1177	368	1545	82·02	65·48	77·36

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Six* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending* 31*st January* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 31st Jan. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh,	139	162	301	126	126	252	106	101	207	84·12	80·15	82·14
St. Cuthbert's Industrial,	88	...	88	78	...	78	77	...	77	98·71	...	98·7
Lady Glenorchy's,	248	197	445	226	103	329	173	84	257	76·54	81·55	78·11
Greenside,	97	...	97	88	...	88	63	...	63	71·59	...	71·59
Fountainbridge, F.C.,	216	127	343	186	112	298	135	81	216	72·58	72·32	72·4
Trinity Episcopal,	200	272	472	161	248	409	112	170	282	69·56	68·54	68·94
Royal Blind Asylum,	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
TOTAL,	1041	758	1799	915	589	1504	716	436	1152	78·25	74·02	76·59
Corresponding period for six Schools for last year,	1028	890	1918	924	641	1565	720	459	1179	77·92	71·6	75·33

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APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th December* 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Present.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	305	269	...	11	10	...
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	313	280	...	9	11	11
3. High School Yards, .	330	327	293	...	2	10	6
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	318	290	...	6	8	17
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	307	282	...	10	8	8
6. Brown Square, . .	240	239	206	...	8	10	9
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	348	313	...	7	7	3
8. Broughton, . . .	250	247	218	...	9	8	4
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	320	281	...	6	8	6
10. Davie Street, . .	320	299	277	...	7	7	14
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	279	265	...	8	5	5
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	336	309	...	14	7	15
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	197	175	...	7	12	13
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	145	129	...	48	9	13
15. Broughton, . . .	160	123	116	...	57	6	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	155	143	...	48	8	...
17. Abbeyhill . . .	170	173	155	...	29	8	18
18. Davie Street, . .	180	180	159	...	1	10	92
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	131	125	...	41	9	1
	4939	4742	4285	...	328	90·36	235

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Four Weeks ending 30th January* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 30th January 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's,	88	35	22	62·85
2. New Street,	102	38	24	63·15
3. Leith Walk,	129	37	27	72·97
4. Stockbridge,	83	52	33	63·46
5. West Fountainbridge,	167	56	40	71·42
6. Dalry,	100	43	31	72·09
	669	261	177	67·81
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo,	126	80	72	90·
2. Stockbridge,	28	17	12	70·58
	154	97	84	86·59
TOTAL (Male and Female),	823	358	261	72·9

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APPENDIX No. VIII.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL EVENING CLASSES *on 20th December* 1878.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
SPECIAL CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic,	66	46	4
2. Mathematics,	12	8	1
3. English Grammar and Composition,	33	27	5
Broughton Street—			
4. Writing and Book-keeping,	54	42	...
5. Shorthand,	46	28	18
Rose Street—			
6. French,	51	46	...
7. German,	14	9	...
Victoria Street—			
8. Drawing,	45	38	4
9. Drawing,	36	28	9
FOR FEMALES.			
Broughton Street—			
10. Writing and Book-keeping,	40	29	...
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
11. High School Yards,	121	77	19
12. Heriot Bridge,	89	69	12
13. Rose Street,	115	85	10
14. Davie Street,	139	87	28
FOR FEMALES.			
15. Cowgate Port,	101	78	12
	962	697	122

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Wednesday, the 12th day of March* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M.:

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.	Rev. WM. ADAMSON.
Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.	JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.
J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.	THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.
Bailie TAWSE.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held in the Police-Court Room, on Saturday, the 8th instant, were approved.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee on School Management as follows;—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee approved of the plans of Lothian Road School, and forwarded them to Grindlay's Trustees for approval.

The Committee recommend the Board to give the use of the engineering class-room in the High School to Mr. Fairweather, the Lecturer on Engineering, for the purpose of delivering, between 8 and 10 A.M., a special course of lectures. The fees to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board in the first instance.

The Committee agreed to supply twelve additional Laurie's dual desks to the upper department of West Fountainbridge School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report of the Committee on School Attendance:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee had before them a Report by Maurice Paterson, Esq., Rector of the Free Church Normal School, on the temporary School recently opened in Portobello Road, and a statement of the attendance

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of children in the district of Abbey Hill and Easter Road in neighbouring schools. It appears there are from the district 198 children attending Leith Walk School; 125 children attending Holyrood School; and 150 children attending the temporary school in Portobello Road. The Heriot School is full.

The Committee agreed to report that, in their opinion, a school for not less than 500 children is required in this locality; and they accordingly recommend the Board to take the necessary steps for the building of a School in the district.

F. C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

The Board approved of the Report, and instructed the Clerk to send a copy of it to the Secretary of the Scotch Education Department, requesting their Lordships to sanction the proposal to erect a School for 500 children in this district of the city.

Mr. Adamson read the following Report on Evening Classes:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVENING CLASSES.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to keep open during the summer months Evening Classes for young men in New Street School, and for young women in Bristo School, and to continue the appointments of Mr. John Barnie and Mr. Andrew Peattie, who have been teaching the classes during the winter.

The General Report of the classes taught during the winter months will be laid before the Board at next meeting.

WILLIAM ADAMSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

The following Report by the Joint Committees on Finance and Building was read by Dr. Scott:—

REPORT OF JOINT-COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND BUILDING.

The Committee recommend that, while not acknowledging any liability in the matter, Mr. Harper, the plasterer of Dalry School, be paid £7, 10s. in consideration of damage sustained by frost in executing his contract; and further, that the balance due to him be paid to within £10.

The Committee authorise the Treasurer to draw £150 to meet expenses in connection with the preparation of the Electoral Roll.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Dr. Scott read the following Report of the Law Committee:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

The Committee have to report that Mr. Philip, S.S.C., having obtained the consents of the adjoining proprietors to the erection of a School on the Cambridge Street site, and having also obtained the approval of the Superiors of the proposed plans of the School, concluded the purchase

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of the site. The Committee authorised the Architect to proceed to take estimates for this School.

The Committee agreed to give a small corner of the site of St. Leonard's School to the adjoining proprietors for a bleaching-green, on the condition that the Superior abates the Feu-duty to the amount of £1 per annum.

The Committee agreed to give Mr. Munro, a proprietor whose property adjoins St. Leonard's School site, a small back-green behind his tenement, and to enclose it with a wall, Mr. Munro, in exchange, giving the two gables, for which the Board otherwise were bound to pay.

In regard to the half of mutual gable at south end of St. Leonard's School site, for which the Board are bound to pay, it appears that there is a dispute between the proprietors of the adjoining tenements as to the right to the value, the Committee instructed Mr. Philip to get the amount fixed by a mutual reference, and in the event of the proprietors not agreeing to give a valid discharge to the Board, to raise an action of multiplepoinding.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Dr. Scott read the following Report of the Committee on School Work:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to recommend that one of the class-rooms of the Infant Department of Causewayside School be attached to the Juvenile Department.

The Committee agreed to appoint, temporarily, Miss M'Phail to Dalry School, and Miss Porter to Leith Walk School.

The Committee appointed Mary Hunter Pupil-teacher in Dean School.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Dr. Scott read the following Report of the Committee on Building:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee agreed to recommend that basins and a press be put into the sewing-room of North Canongate School.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson, the architect, to accept estimate for Manchester school grates for St. Leonard's School.

The Committee have to recommend, on the Report of Mr. Wilson, Architect, the Board to authorise the following repairs, etc., viz.:—

Stockbridge School.—To fit up presses in the windows of the rooms of the head-master and female staff, and to accept the estimate of Messrs. J. Ewart and Son, amounting to £3, 15s., for the same.

Dean School.—To replace the carpet in the Mistress's room with linoleum, and supply hearth-rug; also to supply a form for the pupil-teachers' room, and to accept the estimate of Messrs. W. R. Clapperton and Co., amounting to £4, 18s. 6d., for the linoleum, and that of Mr. A. Wight, amounting to £1, 3s. 6d., for the form.

Leith Walk School.—To fit up presses in the window recesses of the

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rooms of the head-master and infant mistress, and to put shelves in the press of room of the pupil-teachers.

West Fountainbridge School.—To accept the estimate of Mr. Thomas Fullerton for erecting janitor's box, amounting to £3, 2s.

North Canongate School.—To supply a ladder and a pair of steps, also to repair old black-boards.

Causewayside School.—To repair one of the iron gates.

Dalry School.—To repair lock of play-ground door, and fit steps in the infant conveniences.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report on the examination of children under 13 years of age for attendance at Evening Clases :—

ADMISSION TO EVENING CLASSES.

Since last Ordinary Meeting of the Board, 14 children were presented for examination for admission to Evening Classes; of these, 8 were passed. The total number passed this session now amounts to 201.

The Report was approved.

The Clerk read the following Report on St. Leonard's School, in course of erection :—

REPORT ON SCHOOL IN COURSE OF ERECTION (St. Leonard's School.)

The base course is nearly all laid, and the walls at the south end of the building are up about seven feet from the surface.

The weather has of course greatly retarded the work, but now it will be pushed on vigorously.

JAMES GOWANS.

The Report was approved.

The Board agreed, in terms of Section 4 of the General Order, regulating the triennial Election of School Boards in Scotland, issued by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, dated 30th November 1878, to appoint Mr. Donald Mackinnon, their Clerk, to be the Returning Officer for the forthcoming Election of a School Board for the Burgh.

It was remitted to the Law and Finance Committees to instruct the Returning Officer in regard to the necessary arrangements for the Election.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid upon the table :—

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Compulsory Officer's Report for the Four Weeks ending March 1, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending March 1,		2524
Of the above number there are:—		
Dead,	5	
Above age,	26	
Incurable,	2	
Left the City,	39	
Removed to other parts of the City,	26	
Gone to School,	1661	
Absent through Temporary Causes,	765	
		2524
Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are:—		
Refractory,	8	
Sick,	456	
Wanting Clothing,	39	
Unable to pay Fees,	16	
Considered too young,	26	
Absent from want of Accommodation,	1	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, (Fault of Parents, 203; Fault of Children, 16)	219	
		765

N.B.—Of the 765 Absent, 479 are returned over seven years of age, and 286 under seven.

Of the 456 returned Sick, 17 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever or Hooping-Cough.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
Edinburgh, *March* 6, 1879.

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 11th January 1879, and not disposed of in previous reports.

Of the 10 children not disposed of, 5 are now regular at School—2 gone to Poorhouse—1 left city, and 2 not yet sent to School. Total,	10

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RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 8th February 1879.

To be—

Prosecuted.—10 Parents with 13 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 8—not sent to School 3—left the City 1—irregular at School 1. Total, ... 13

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—14 Parents with 18 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 14—not sent 1—sick 1—irregular 2. Total, ... 18

To be—

Delayed.—17 Parents with 23 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 10—not sent 7—irregular 2—sick 2—Evening Class 2. Total, ... 23

TOTAL, . . . 54

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th March 1879.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Eight Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 3d February 1879 and 6th March 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	65	
„ irregular, ...	4	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	3	
„ sick, ...	2	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
	—	75
Girls regular, ...	51	
„ irregular, ...	6	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	1	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
„ sick, ...	1	
	—	60
Total, . .		135

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Nine Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	26	
„ irregular, ...	4	
	—	30
Girls regular, ...	12	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	2	
„ gone to Dean Bank Institution, . .	1	
	—	16
Total, .		46

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
8th March 1879.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid upon the table :—

Abstract Return of Attendance at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 7 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 28th February 1879.

Schools.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th Feb. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	6706	4267	10,973	5868	3335	9203	5069	2685	7754	86·38	80·5	84·25
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	1723	1234	2,957	1199	746	1945	1004	521	1525	83·73	69·83	78·4
7 Non-Board Schools, . .	1091	782	1,873	956	572	1528	816	438	1254	85·35	76·57	82·06
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4819	..	..	4316	..	..	89·56
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
Board Schools.												
6 for Young Men, . . .	..	..	679	..	..	234	..	..	171	..	..	73·07
2 for Young Women, . .	..	..	162	..	..	102	..	..	92	..	..	90·19
15 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	..	..	..	775	..	..	539	..	..	69·54

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

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The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an Assistant in Leith Walk School.

The Board instructed the Clerk to destroy the Ballot papers, Electoral Roll, and other papers used in the Election of the Board in 1876.

Dr. Scott read letter from the Scotch Education Department, dated February 22d 1879, asking whether, in the event of their Lordships undertaking the examination of the High School, the Board would be prepared to defray the cost thereof.

It was agreed to allow the letter to lie on the table till next meeting.

The Chairman reported that leave of absence in consequence of illness, for a month from Monday the 3d March, had been granted to Miss Crear, Causewayside School: and that Mr. J. G. Calvert had been temporarily appointed to supply her place, at a salary of 30s. per week.

The Report was approved.

Her Majesty's Inspector's Report on Bristo School was laid upon the table, showing a grant earned by the School of £622, 9s.

The Report was remitted to the School Work Committee.

The Clerk laid on the table a letter, with relative publications, from Mr. Hugh Mason, Manchester, on the subject of Juvenile Smoking. The letter was allowed to lie on the table till next meeting.

The Chairman laid upon the table a printed summary of the work done by the Board since 1876. (See Appendix No. VII.)

Miss Stevenson laid on the table a Special Report of the work of the Committee on School Attendance, during the last three years. (See Appendix No. VIII.)

Mr. Dickson moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who briefly expressed his thanks.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to transact routine business until the election of a new Board.

ARCHD. SCOTT,
Chairman.

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th February* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 28th Feb. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	787	412	1199	724	290	1014	645	250	895	89·	86·2	88·26
Causewayside,	487	362	849	503	305	808	429	267	696	85·2	87·5	86·13
Dalry,	688	464	1152	619	409	1028	504	275	779	81·4	67·2	75·77
Dean,	262	174	436	239	134	373	214	121	335	89·5	90·2	89·81
Deanhaugh Street,	228	164	392	194	126	320	160	96	256	82·4	76·1	80·
Holyrood,	...	276	276	...	158	158	...	125	125	...	79·11	79·11
Leith Walk,	993	452	1445	835	377	1212	716	302	1018	85·7	80·1	83·99
New Street,	824	507	1331	644	412	1056	554	335	889	86·	81·3	84·18
North Canongate,	330	96	426	288	73	361	232	58	290	80·5	79·4	80·33
Roseburn,	19	90	109	39	60	99	38	44	82	97·4	73·3	82·82
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	460	260	720	412	211	623	89·5	81·1	86·52
Stockbridge,	558	287	845	502	257	759	445	203	648	88·6	78·9	85·37
West Fountainbridge,	699	418	1117	636	336	972	564	280	844	88·6	83·3	86·83
West Port,	266	206	472	185	138	323	156	118	274	84·3	85·5	84·82
Total,	6706	4267	10973	5868	3335	9203	5069	2685	7754	86·38	80·5	84·25
Corresponding period last Session,	6905	4458	11363	5840	3435	9275	4895	2597	7492	83·81	75·6	80·77

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Nine* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th February* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Feb. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls),	174	234	408	134	190	324	115	152	267	85·8	80·	82·4
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys),	256	...	256	193	...	193	164	...	164	84·97	...	84·97
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Infants),	...	380	380	...	216	216	...	176	176	...	81·48	81·48
,, ,, (Girls),	210	...	210	160	...	160	145	...	145	90·62	...	90·62
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls),	404	445	849	181	206	387	158	129	287	87·29	62·6	74·16
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys),	341	...	341	234	...	234	194	...	194	82·9	...	82·9
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys and Infants),	180	175	355	175	134	309	112	64	176	64·	47·7	56·95
,, ,, (Girls),	158	...	158	122	...	122	116	...	116	95·08	...	95·08
Total,	1723	1234	2957	1199	746	1945	1004	521	1525	83·73	69·83	78·4
Corresponding period last year,	1377	1248	2625	1020	752	1772	894	518	1412	87·64	68·88	79·68

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Seven* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th February* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Feb. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	141	166	307	125	122	247	109	104	213	87·2	85·24	86·23
Canongate Society, ...	142	...	142	110	...	110	94	...	94	85·45	...	85·45
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	88	...	88	78	...	78	77	...	77	98·71	...	98·71
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	250	205	455	218	125	343	189	83	272	86·6	66·4	79·3
Fountainbridge Free Church, . .	224	129	353	194	115	309	149	87	236	76·8	75·6	76·37
Trinity Episcopal, ...	193	282	475	181	210	391	148	164	312	81·7	78·	79·79
Royal Blind Asylum, . . .	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
Total,	1091	782	1873	956	572	1528	816	438	1254	85·35	76·57	82·06
Corresponding period last year for 8 Schools, ...	1366	1217	2583	1130	835	1965	951	574	1525	84·15	68·74	77·6

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th February* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	320	284	...	4	9	8
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	330	294	...	5	9	...
3. High School Yards, .	330	333	288	...	5	11	4
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	321	292	...	5	9	15
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	315	285	...	9	8	...
6. Brown Square, . .	240	243	210	...	...	12	12
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	349	327	...	6	7	4
8. Broughton, . . .	250	254	230	...	6	9	14
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	321	281	...	1	11	4
10. Davie Street, . .	320	320	293	...	3	7	10
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	288	271	...	4	5	3
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	334	320	...	7	5	20
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	179	148	...	5	14	...
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	159	140	...	1	9	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	122	114	...	7	6	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	159	142	...	1	8	...
17. Abbeyhill . . .	170	161	130	...	2	14	...
18. Davie Street, . .	180	164	139	...	...	10	29
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	147	128	...	...	10	...
	4939	4819	4316	...	71	9	123

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Four Weeks ending 27th February* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th February 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's,	90	28	20	71·42
2. New Street,	105	38	25	65·78
3. Leith Walk,	130	35	24	68·57
4. Stockbridge,	87	43	33	76·74
5. West Fountainbridge,	167	50	36	72·
6. Dalry,	100	40	33	82·5
	679	234	171	73·07
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo,	133	86	80	93·02
2. Stockbridge,	29	16	12	75·
	162	102	92	90·19
TOTAL (Male and Female),	841	336	263	78·27

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APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL EVENING CLASSES *on 20th February* 1879.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
SPECIAL CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic,	52	31	12
2. English Grammar and Composition,	21	16	9
3. Mathematics,	11	8	...
Broughton Street—			
4. Writing and Book-keeping,	42	33	...
5. Shorthand,	46	15	31
Rose Street—			
6. French,	41	28	...
7. German,	14	9	...
Victoria Street—			
8. Drawing,	47	38	6
9. Drawing,	38	27	1
FOR FEMALES.			
10. Writing and Book-keeping,	30	25	...
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
11. Heriot Bridge,	76	59	6
12. High School Yards,	90	55	7
13. Rose Street,	70	60	...
14. Davie Street,	110	71	8
FOR FEMALES.			
15. Cowgate Port,	87	64	16
	775	539	96

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APPENDIX No. VII.

SUMMARY *of the Work of the* SECOND SCHOOL BOARD, *Elected for the City of Edinburgh.*

1876-9.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD.

THE SECOND SCHOOL BOARD for the City was elected on the 8th of April 1876, and held its first meeting on the 11th of the same month.

The Membership of the Board remains the same as it was originally constituted, with two exceptions. Professor Calderwood found it necessary, from the state of his health, to resign the Chairmanship of the Board and his seat as member in April 1877; and the Rev. Mr. Rigg, on being appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunkeld, resigned his seat as member in June 1878. The remanent members elected the Rev. Dr. Scott their chairman, in room of Professor Calderwood; and Dr. Harvey and the Rev. Dr. Smith to the seats vacated by Professor Calderwood and Bishop Rigg.

Immediately after the election of the Board, the work to be done was distributed among the members, by means of Committees, in the following way:—A School Management Committee, consisting of all the members, with the Chairman as Convener; a School Attendance Committee, Miss Stevenson, Convener; a High School Committee, Convener, Dr. Scott; a Committee on Evening Schools, Conveners, Mr. Dickson, and afterwards Mr. Adamson; a Finance Committee, Convener, Bailie Tawse; a Law Committee, Convener, Sheriff Guthrie Smith; a School Work Committee, Convener, Dr. Harvey; and a Committee on Building, Convener, Mr. Gowans.

Two or more of the members were, in addition, appointed as visitors of each School; and two or more ladies, not members, were appointed to superintend the Sewing Instruction in each school.

Special Committees were appointed from time to time to inquire and report upon such matters as seemed to render such procedure necessary.

Since the Board was elected, 32 ordinary monthly meetings have been held for the transaction of business; 18 special meetings; 14 private meetings; and 23 special meetings in the Police Court-Room to meet with defaulting parents, in terms of clause 70 of the Education Act of 1872;—in all 87 meetings of the Board.

The number of Committee meetings during the three years was 349.

The attendance of members at the Board meetings and at the Committee meetings is as follows:—

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MEMBERS.		Meetings of the Board.				Meetings of Committees.
		Ordinary.	Private.	Special.	Meetings for Defaulting Parents.	
Total Number of Meetings,		32	14	18	23	349
1. Adamson,	Rev. Wm.,	32	8	18	23	158
2. Begg,	Rev. James, D.D.,	23	9	15	.	85
3. Blyth,	Miss Phœbe,	32	10	17	6	188
4. Calderwood,	Prof., to 23d April 1877,	12	3	5	1	63
4. Harvey,	Dr., from 5th June 1877,	16	3	9	3	75
5. Clapperton,	John,	28	10	17	.	85
6. Dickson,	David,	30	10	15	16	180
7. Gowans,	James,	25	5	9	.	80
8. Moncreiff,	Sir H. W., Bt., D.D.,	12	6	6	1	6
9. Peddie,	J. Dick,	22	8	12	.	68
10. Rigg,	Rev. George, to 12th June 1878,	22	6	10	4	36
10. Smith,	Rev. Wm., D.D., from 22d July 1878,	6	1	.	.	15
11. Scott,	Dr., Chairman, from 23d April 1877,	30	8	18	8	181
12. Smith,	J. Guthrie,	23	6	13	21	70
13. Stevenson,	Miss Flora C.,	29	9	15	18	181
14. Tawse,	Bailie,	22	7	11	2	101
15. Williamson,	Rev. Alexander,	23	6	11	1	53

It is necessary to explain that some of the members, especially the Rev. Dr. Begg and the Rev. Mr. Williamson, were for a considerable time unable, through illness, to attend the meetings of the Board; and also that the table does not show the number of Committee meetings to which each member was summoned. It has further to be remarked that the table does not show the actual amount of work done by any of the members; nor does it represent fully the relative amount of work done by individual members. No account, for example, is taken of the visitation of schools by the visitors of each school, or of frequent interviews with the teachers of the Schools, and of candidates. Again, there are some of the members, in particular, to whom a great deal of heavy and responsible work fell to be discharged, which is not accounted for in the return of attendance of members. Apart from the Chairman, who is in daily communication with the Schools and with the office, the Conveners of the Committees on School Attendance, School Work, Building, Evening Classes, and Finance, have had to devote a great deal of time to the work of the Board, and of which no record has been kept.

II.—SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

In 1876 one school out of seven new schools which the first Board had resolved to erect, was opened. The remaining six have since been opened, along with other two, which it had been found necessary to erect, owing to the increase of the population, and the closing of Denominational Schools. The following Table gives the accommodation, cost etc., of seven of these new Schools:—

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Name of School.	Total Cost of Site, Erection, and Fitting.	Cost of Site.	Cost of Erection, Fitting, etc.			Accommodation and Cost per Scholar.		Accommodation and Cost per Scholar.	
			Erection.	Fitting.	Total Cost, exclusive of Site.	At 10 and 9 sq. ft. p. Scholar.	Cost per Child, exclusive of Site.	At 8 sq. ft. p. Scholar.	Cost per Child, exclusive of Site.
1. Bristo, ...	£19,257 18 5	£8,739 16 2	£9,789 7 2	£728 15 1	£10,518 2 3	714	£14 14 7½	862	£12 4 0¼
2. Causewayside, . .	12,966 11 6	3,254 4 4	9,083 11 3	628 15 11	9,712 7 2	534	18 3 9	637	15 4 11¼
3. Dean, ...	6,651 17 10	1,046 14 0	5,396 3 5	209 0 5	5,605 3 10	349	16 1 2½	420	13 6 10¾
4. Leith Walk, . . .	17,663 8 5	3,196 16 7	13,883 17 8	582 14 2	14,466 11 10	837	17 5 5½	1015	14 5 0½
5. New Street, . . .	6,089 16 2	3,102 2 10	2,713 19 10	273 13 6	2,987 13 4	650	4 11 11	782	3 16 4¾
6. Stockbridge, . . .	11,587 6 9	2,535 14 6	8,423 4 2	628 8 1	9,051 12 3	522	17 6 9	623	14 10 6¾
7. West Fountainbridge, .	14,439 15 1	3,482 18 1	10,286 6 7	670 10 5	10,956 17 0	770	14 4 6¾	931	11 15 4½
	£88,656 14 2	£25,358 6 6	£59,576 10 1	£3,721 17 9	£63,298 7 8	4376	14 9 2½	5270	12 0 2½

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The remaining two, whose accounts have not been finally closed, are Dalry and North Canongate, with accommodation respectively at 10 ft. and 9 ft. for 699 and 870 children, and at 8 ft. for 943 and 1053 children respectively. The cost of these Schools, exclusive of site, will not exceed, for Dalry (inclusive of Janitor's house), £8400; and for North Canongate, £9850.

Three new Schools are in course of erection—St. Leonard's, Canonmills, and Lothian Road, with a total accommodation of 2540. The increase of the population, and the discontinuance of Schools supplied by voluntary effort, will necessitate the building of additional Schools from time to time.

III.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

1. DAY SCHOOLS.—The Board at present have the charge of the above nine new Schools, and five temporary Schools and two halls, which are to be replaced by the new Schools in course of erection. During last month 9203 children were on the roll of these Schools—5868 juvenile children, and 3335 infants. There were in actual attendance during the same month 7754 children, being 5069 juvenile children, and 2685 infants. As brought out in the tables laid before the Board in November last, and printed in the minutes of last month, the average attendance at the Board Schools for 1878 was 6534; the number qualified by age and attendance for examination in standards was 4507; and the number actually examined was 4075. The percentage of passes over all the Schools was —in Reading, 91·68; in Writing, 85·3; in Arithmetic, 80·29, giving an average for the three subjects of 85·75 per cent. Of the 4075 children examined in Standards—1278 were examined in Standard I.; 1187 in Standard II.; 809 in Standard III.; 499 in Standard IV.; 216 in Standard V.; and 86 in Standard VI. The lowest pass obtained was in the *Writing* of Standard IV., taking all the Schools together, was 73·54; the highest pass was in the *Reading* of Standard VI., 98·83. In Standards IV. V. and VI., 801 children were examined, and the average pass obtained was 75·53. The total number passed in Specific Subjects was 380. In the various subjects the numbers were as follows:—Domestic Economy, 128; English Literature, 119; Physical Geography, 67; Physiology, 28; Latin, 17; French, 12; German, 5; and Chemistry, 4. The amount of grants earned over all the Schools was £5173, 9s. 6d., being at the rate of 15s. 10d. per scholar in average attendance.

The Board have adopted the following regulations regarding the teaching of Specific Subjects:—

That a payment should be made of 4s. for a pass in every Specific Subject, except in Domestic Economy, as at present taught.

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That with the same exception an additional grant of 2s. should be given for a second year's pass, and 4s. for a third year's pass.

That English Literature and Physical Geography, to the extent of the requirements of the Scotch code, Schedule IV., be taught to all the pupils in Standards V. and VI.

That no payment be made on account of Specific Subjects where an average pass of 75 per cent. is not obtained in Standards IV., V., and VI.

That the Board pay to the income of the Schools in which Classics and Mathematics are taught, the sum of 30s. for each pass made by a pupil in either of these subjects. The Board also resolved to disregard the requirements of the Code, and have substituted the following standard of attainments for passes in these subjects :—

In Latin.—For the first year, Grammar to the end of the rules of concord, and half of the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallic War*.

For the second year, the whole of the Grammar, including all the Rules of Syntax, and the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallic War*.

For the third year, as above, together with 400 lines of *Virgil*.

In Mathematics.—For the first year, Algebra, Notation, Addition, Subtraction, *Euclid*, Book I., Prop. 1 to 15 inclusive.

For the second year, Algebra to Simple Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Book I.

For the third year, Algebra to Quadratic Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Books I., II., and III.; Elements of Mensuration.

The cost of instruction in the Day-Schools is given in the following Table :—

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Income and Expenditure of Elementary Schools.

Name of School.	Income and Expenditure.				Average Attendance.	Cost per Scholar in Average Attendance.
	Grants.	Fees.	Rates.	Total.		
Bristo,	£216 18 6	£201 15 8	£551 0 2	£969 14 4	404	£2 8 0
Causewayside,	446 8 0	260 1 0½	765 2 4½	1471 11 5	522	2 16 4½
Dean,	240 8 0	156 13 2	336 10 9½	733 11 11½	311	2 7 2½
Deanhaugh,	240 19 0	137 17 7½	116 8 3½	495 4 11	297	1 13 4
Holyrood,	225 11 1	148 1 6½	189 14 10	563 7 4½	300	1 17 6½
Leith Walk,	604 2 0	422 17 9½	552 18 8	1579 18 5½	761	2 1 6½
New Street,	651 10 6	307 14 3	860 0 7½	1819 5 4½	817	2 4 6½
Ponton Street,	43 10 0	45 4 11½	283 13 1½	372 8 1	78	4 15 4½
Roseburn,	267 2 6	154 17 6½	192 18 5	614 18 5½	301	2 0 10½
St. Leonard's,	567 3 0	387 16 5	381 6 3	1336 5 8	746	1 15 9¾
Stockbridge,	564 2 6	345 15 2½	559 3 3	1469 0 11½	609	2 8 2¾
Victoria Terrace,	164 3 0	78 9 4	142 12 6½	385 4 10½	241	1 11 11½
West Fountainbridge,	739 3 6	509 11 5½	565 5 3½	1814 0 3	888	2 0 10½
West Port,	202 8 0	91 6 11½	164 1 11	457 16 10½	259	1 15 4½
	£5173 9 6	£3248 2 11½	£5660 16 6½	£14,082 9 0	6534	£2 3 1½

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The table shows an average cost per child of £2, 3s. 1¼d.; being at the rate of 17s. 3¾d. per child from rates; 9s. 11¼d. from fees; and 15s. 10¼d. from grants.

The salaries of the teachers in the new Schools (Dean being a much smaller School is under a separate arrangement), is—

Head Master,	£300	per annum.
Mistress of Infant Department,	150	„
First Assistant—Juvenile Department,	150	„
Other Assistants,	40 to 80	„
Sewing Mistress,	60	„
Singing Master,	40	„
Pupil Teachers—		
Male,	15 to 25	„
Female,	10 to 20	„

A slight increase in the way of surplus dependent on the success of the School has been given in a few cases. In this way the sum of £15, 10s. was paid to the Headmaster of Leith Walk School, and £40 to the Headmaster of West Fountainbridge School, with sums proportionate to their respective salaries to the rest of the staffs. No surplus was earned by any other of the new schools for last year.

The Pupil-teachers receive two bonuses, one amounting to £10 in the case of male Pupil-teachers, and £7, 10s. in the case of female Pupil-teachers, upon the completion of their apprenticeship; and a second of equal amount on their entering with credit upon further study in their profession.

(2.) Evening Classes.—The Board also conduct Evening Classes for young men and young women; and they have hitherto kept open two of these classes, one for young men and one for young women, during the summer months. During last winter eight classes, six for young men and two for young women, were taught. During the winter of 1877-8, eight classes, five for young men and three for young women, were conducted. According to the General Report prepared by the Convener on the work of the year, and printed in the Minutes of the Board of 12th June 1878, 246 young men and 95 young women attended these classes.

The average cost per pupil in the Evening Classes is as follows:—19s. 7½d. per pupil, being 5s. 8d. from Rates, 6s. 7¼d. from Fees, and 7s. 4¼d. from Grants.

IV.—COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

The enforcement of the compulsory clauses is under the charge of the Committee on School Attendance, and a detailed statement regarding its work will be found in the Report of the Committee. The

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staff of the Compulsory Officer comprises the Head Officer and 10 assistants, one of whom was recently added, and whose special duty it is to search after children selling newspapers, etc., in the streets. In the Balance-Sheet for May last, the expense of the Compulsory Officer and his staff is entered as £792, 9s. 10d. This is exclusive of printing and stationery, which is charged to office expenses. It has to be observed with regard to the charge for the Compulsory Officer and his staff, and to some extent the same is true of the expense of management generally, that it has to be reckoned not merely as so much per head for the children attending the Board Schools. The cost of this department is as great, if not greater, as if all the children of the city were educated in the Board Schools.

The following table shows the attendance at the Elementary Schools of the city when the Compulsory Officers commenced their labours in 1874, and also in 1878 :—

	1874.	1878.
Number of Children who have attended School for whatever length of time, since Schools opened in Autumn till following March, ...	30,602	33,458
Average Number on Roll during March, ...	24,257	26,111
Average Attendance during March, ...	19,574	22,168
Percentage of Attendances, ...	80·69	84·89

V.—FINANCE.

The Balance-Sheet for the year ended May 15, 1878, is appended. Hitherto the School Rate has been kept under 3d. in the pound.

VI.—HIGH SCHOOL.

The history of the High School, since it came under the management of the Board, has been one of marked prosperity. The enrolment in 1872 was 261 ; in 1873, 302 ; in 1874, 362 ; in 1875, 399 ; in 1876, 434 ; in 1877, 439 ; in 1878, 433 ; and this year the attendance promises to exceed the attendance of 1878. In consequence of the increased numbers attending the School, it was found necessary to enlarge the accommodation. In addition to some internal alterations, the effect of which it is hoped will be to add to the comfort of both pupils and masters, a new and handsome writing-room was built and opened at the commencement of the present Session.

9 Castle Street,
Edinburgh, 12*th March* 1879.

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APPENDIX VIII.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE FROM APRIL 1876 TO MARCH 1879.

I.—School Accommodation.

WHEN the first School Board began its work in 1873, it was calculated that there were in the city 32,012 children of school age. Deducting the proportion of children belonging to the upper and middle classes, for whom there was sufficient provision, there remained 24,512 children to be provided for in Elementary Schools, with a fee of 9d. per week or under.

At the date when the educational census was taken, there was actual accommodation in this class of schools in Edinburgh for 22,715 scholars, in 100 schools, as under, viz. :—

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.
Established Church Schools, . . .	16	4,222
Free Church Schools, ...	17	5,282
United Presbyterian Church Schools, . .	6	857
Episcopal Church Schools, . . .	9	1,518
Roman Catholic Church Schools, . .	8	2,014
Heriot Schools, ...	16	3,742
Undenominational and Private Schools, .	20	3,654
Industrial Schools, Free Schools, etc., . .	8	1,426
Total, .	100	22,715

But three schools, with accommodation for 235 children, were pronounced inefficient, and 19 schools, with accommodation for 4316, were reported by their managers as about to be closed. It was also found that 2786 children over 13 years of age were in actual attendance at the schools. The permanent efficient available accommodation was thus reduced to places for 15,378. Against this decrease in available accommodation, the Board had to calculate on additional accommodation to the extent of places for 1145 children,

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to be provided by the Governors of Heriot's Hospital, as well as accommodation in Hospitals to the extent of 152 places. The available accommodation in 1873 thus amounted to a total of 16,675 places. It was calculated that of the 22,512 children, not more than 85 per cent. would at any time be in actual attendance in school, and accordingly that accommodation was required only for 20,836 children. The deficiency of accommodation to be supplied at that date was therefore for 4161 children.

To meet the deficiency, the Board resolved to erect seven new schools, with a total accommodation, calculated at the rate of 10 ft. and 9 ft. per scholar, for 4,200.

Between 1873 and 1876 nine additional schools, with accommodation for 2472 children, were discontinued, or kept open temporarily by the Board. By that date, however, the Board had resolved on a further increase of accommodation, by converting New Street Church into a school, and by the erection of a new school in the Dalry District.

At the present date the number of children of school age in the city is estimated at 37,062, showing an increase of 5,050 since 1873.

Of this number, deducting those belonging to the upper and middle classes, and those provided for in hospitals, there are 29,062 children who should be in attendance at Elementary Schools. With the further reduction of 15 per cent. for actual attendance, we find that accommodation is required for 24,702 children.

The existing accommodation is as follows:—

	No. of Schools.	Accommodation.
Established Church Schools, ...	11	3096
Free Church Schools, ...	4	1567
United Presbyterian Church School, . . .	1	64
Episcopal Church Schools, ...	9	1518
Roman Catholic Church Schools, . . .	10	2332
Heriot's Schools, ...	19	4854
Undenominational and Private Schools, . .	11	1841
Industrial Schools, Free Schools, etc., . .	7	1348
Board Schools; Accommodation at 10 square feet, and 9 square feet, Permanent New Schools, . .	9	6038
Total,	81	22,658
Showing a deficiency of . . .		2044

This deficiency is at present supplied—

(1.) By 5 temporary Schools, and 2 Halls, with accommodation for	1692
(2.) By filling the new Schools to the extent of their accommodation, calculated at 8 ft. per scholar, say	1200
	2892

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This deficiency will be permanently supplied by three new Schools in course of erection.

St. Leonard's,	940	2540.
Canonmills . .	800	
Lothian Road,	800	

It is probable that another School will be required in the Abbey-hill District.

Accommodation in existing Schools, which may be regarded as permanent, for	22,658
Accommodation in temporary Schools, to be supplied by three new Board Schools, ...	2540
	25,198

From these figures it will be seen that there is a considerable increase in the Elementary School accommodation since 1873, although there is an actual decrease in the *number* of Schools. This is accounted for from the fact that the new Schools have taken the place of several smaller schools, and halls used temporarily as schools, and the use of which is now discontinued.

The number of Schools closed which were in operation in 1873 is 31. These had accommodation for 6599.

There have been opened since 1873, and are in operation now—

Nine Board Schools, accommodating . . .	6038
Six Heriot Schools, ...	1626
Two Roman Catholic Schools, ...	318
Two temporary Halls in connection with St. Leonard's Public School, ...	135
One Private School, ...	117
	8234

II.—Schools Transferred.

The Schools transferred to the Board were only two in number.

(1.) West Fountainbridge, which was pulled down, the new School being erected on its site.

(2.) Canongate Sessional School, which is a department of New Street School.

III.—Attendance at School.

From the following Abstract of Return of Attendance in Elementary Schools (Schools with a fee of not more than 9d. per week), in Edinburgh, made during March in each year since the commence-

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ment of the operation of the Education Act, it appears that there is a steady increase in the numbers both of enrolment and in average attendance, except in the year 1876, which shows a slight decrease.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Number of Children who have attended School for whatever length of time, since School opened in Autumn till following March, . .	30,156	30,602	32,751	31,845	32,756	33,458
Average Number on Roll during March, . . .	25,792	24,257	25,922	25,627	25,618	26,111
Average Attendance during March, ...	not given.	19,574	20,972	20,368	21,619	22,168
Percentage of Attendance, .	,,	80·69	80·90	79·47	84·38	84·89

IV.—Compulsory Work and Education of Destitute and Neglected Children.

During the last three years the Committee have frequently had the question of the education of destitute and neglected children before them. Towards the end of 1876 and beginning of 1877, the Committee and the Board held several conferences with the Managers of the Industrial Schools, and others interested in the question.

The want of sufficient accommodation in the existing Industrial Schools for Children who could be committed under a Magistrate's warrant, and the want of any satisfactory provision for Destitute and Neglected Children who do not come under the provision of the Industrial Schools Act, was increasingly felt by the Committee. A Memorial was sent to the Lord Advocate on the subject, but as there was no Education Bill before Parliament at the time, nothing was done.

In November 1877, a conference was held with the Glasgow Board, when the question was fully discussed, but no definite resolutions were agreed to.

The introduction of the Duke of Richmond's Bill during last session was the first opportunity that presented itself for obtaining the additional legislation which seemed necessary for securing the education of the lowest class of children.

Every effort on the part of the Board was used to get clauses introduced into the Bill which would meet the difficulty.

The Committee regret that the Board were defeated in their attempt to get these proposed amendments inserted in the Bill. They have, however, to express satisfaction in having their compulsory power strengthened by the insertion of Clause 28 in the Amendment Act, which gives to School Boards power to prosecute, at intervals of one

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month, any parent who neglects the education of his child, instead of only once in three months as formerly.

As will be seen from the Compulsory Officer's Abstract of cases dealt with by the Board, about one-sixth of the children referred to attained the age of thirteen during the last three years, and are now of course beyond the Board's jurisdiction.

It is hoped that the possibility of frequent dealing with the parent will enable the Board to secure attendance at school of children over twelve years of age,—at any rate for some months before they are beyond school age.

The Committee have also to express their satisfaction that the casual employment of children under fourteen years of age has been dealt with in the Amendment Act. They regret, however, that while the Board has the additional duty imposed on it of stopping the casual employment of all children under ten years of age, and of enforcing the regulation as to the hours of employment of children between the ages of ten and fourteen, they have still no power to take hold of the neglected child and enforce his attendance at school.

The Committee are increasingly convinced of the necessity of the establishment of Day Industrial Schools as an essential part of school machinery in large towns; and they have satisfaction in finding that, whatever difference of opinion may exist as to how they should be maintained, the necessity for such schools is now generally acknowledged by all who have had to do with enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Act of 1872.

The Committee are also of opinion that it would help greatly, in the effective carrying out of the compulsory powers of School Boards, if the School Attendance Order of Lord Sandon's Act, 1876, were made applicable to Scotland. They believe it would have the effect of securing the attendance of (1.) children whose parents are careless as to their regular attendance, and also in the case of (2.) many children who are truant.

One of the chief difficulties the Committee has had to contend with, is the fitful and irregular attendance of the children of defaulting parents. These children are shifted from one school to another, and are often enrolled for not more than a week at a time at various schools in different parts of the city. The Committee have also difficulty in dealing with children who are said to be in attendance at schools where no proper register of attendance is kept. The Attendance Order would effectually put a stop to this irregularity, as it would specify the school the child would be required to attend, and would also specify a definite number of attendances to be required, failure in which, without reasonable excuse, would constitute default on the part of the parent.

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From Table I. appended, it will be seen that one-half of the children whose parents were dealt with by the Board are in regular attendance one-fifth are still irregular, while one-sixth are now over school age.

The Committee have to acknowledge the very valuable services rendered to the School Board and to the city by the managers of the two Certified Industrial Schools, the Day Home for Neglected Children, Dr. Robertson's Industrial School, and by the managers of the various other charitable Institutions in the city. Fifty-eight children, whose parents have been dealt with by the Board, have been received into such Institutions; and 117 children, whose parents were not brought before the Board, have been received into the same Institutions during the same period. Although the School Board have no power to commit children to Industrial Schools, the Officer of the Board has always rendered every assistance to secure the admission of children into these Institutions where it seemed the best way of dealing with the case. It will be observed that the number of cases of children whose parents have been dealt with by the Board, which were strictly parochial cases, was only ten.

The Committee have to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered to the Board during this present session by the Committee who have raised the funds necessary to carry on the work of feeding and clothing destitute children, on condition of their attendance at School. The funds for this purpose were, during several sessions, generously supplied by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, to whom the Committee desire also to express their obligation. The number of children who received this assistance has been from 300 to 400 each session.

V.—Attendance of Children under thirteen years of age at Evening Schools.

The Committee have had before them 594 children under thirteen years of age, whose parents desired exemption for them from attendance at Day School. Of these, 520 were exempted, while 74 were sent back to the Day School.

As a general rule, exemption was only granted in exceptional circumstances to children under twelve, who had not passed the Fourth Standard, but each case was carefully investigated. In many cases, however, the circumstances of the family were such that the earnings of the child were a material item in the family income, and where the parent showed real anxiety as to the child's education, a pass to attend an Evening Class was granted. In order to secure regularity of attendance, the Board Officers visit every Evening School in the city, a special register for children under thirteen is kept, and

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irregularity is at once checked. Where the condition of regular attendance at an Evening Class has not been complied with, the exemption is withdrawn, and the child is obliged to go to a Day School, or the parent is treated as a defaulter, and so dealt with by the Board.

VI.—Casual Employment of Children.

The Committee cannot yet report definitely on the effect of the enforcement of the casual employment clauses of the new Act. They have brought before the Sheriff thirty cases of parents who have infringed the law by sending their young children out at night to sell newspapers. The results are given in the Compulsory Officer's Report.

The plea of poverty on the part of the parents, said to be in consequence of the present hard times, has in many instances averted the infliction of a fine, but the Committee are of opinion that the class of parents who thus expose their children to the moral danger of this kind of employment at night, are not those whose circumstances are much affected either by commercial depression or prosperity. At the best of times they are shiftless and improvident, and sacrifice their children's interest to their own selfishness.

The Committee recommend that the Board should in no way relax its efforts in dealing with this class of parents in the most stringent manner.

The Committee have to express their satisfaction with the readiness with which most of the managers of the Non-Board Schools in the city have afforded the information necessary to the carrying out of the Compulsory work of the Board to their Officers, who are well received in the schools.

The Committee would recommend the Board to urge on managers of the Elementary Schools in the city the necessity of their teachers providing the Officers with accurate lists of the children who are irregular in attendance, or who have left school without sufficient cause.

The Committee desire to express their satisfaction with the way in which their Head Officer and his Assistants have discharged their duties in carrying out the requirements of the Board in enforcing the Compulsory Clauses of the Act.

FLORA C. STEVENSON,

Convener of School-Attendance Committee.

9 CASTLE STREET, EDINBURGH,
March 12th, 1879.

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APPENDIX.

Defaulting Parents Summoned before the SCHOOL BOARD OF EDINBURGH *from 3d June 1876 to 8th March 1879.*

[During the above period the Board held 23 Special Meetings, on Saturdays, to meet with Defaulting Parents.]

I. Total number of Parents who have appeared before the Board between the above dates—617. Representing 904 children.

Number of Parents who have been before the Board twice,	85
Three times,	15
Four times,	8
Five times,	3
Of the above 904 Children, there are attending School regularly,	420
Attending School irregularly,	129
Sent to Evening Classes,	38
Sick,	20
Admitted to Industrial Schools,	35
„ Mars Training Ship,	13
„ Industrial Brigade,	1
Sent to Reformatories,	6
„ Dean Bank Institution,	1
„ Lanark R. C. Orphanage,	2
Left the City,	36
Above 13 years of age,	142
Sent to Poorhouse,	10
Not disposed of at this date,	51
Total,	904

II. Return of Children sent, through the assistance of the Officer of the Board, to Industrial Schools and other Institutions since April 6th 1876 to this date.

To Original Ragged School,	105
To Mars Training Ship,	49
To United Industrial School,	11
To Leith Industrial School,	6
To Dean Bank Institution,	3
To Orphan Home,	1
Total,	175

Note.—This includes the 58 Children of Defaulting Parents who were dealt with by the Board, and included in above table.

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III. Defaulting Parents prosecuted before the Sheriff, from 21st June 1876 to the 8th March 1879. Total 189.

Sent to Prison,	40
Fined,	64
Admonished,	59
Absconded,	13
Cases departed from,	9
Not proven,	1
Continued,	3
Total,	189

IV. Number of parents prosecuted under the Employment Clauses. Total 30.

Fined,	12
Admonished,	11
Absconded,	4
Departed from,	1
Not traced,	1
Continued,	1
Total,	30

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL 1879,

AND

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL 1879.

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AT Edinburgh, *Wednesday, the 9th day of April* 1879, within the BOARD-ROOM of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, 9 South Castle Street:

In the first Meeting of the new School Board, elected on the 5th day of April 1879, by virtue of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872 and 1878, and in terms of the General Order regulating the Triennial Election of School Boards, issued on the 30th day of November 1878 by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland:—

Mr. Mackinnon, the Returning Officer, read the names of the Members of the new Board as follows:—

Rev. WILLIAM ADAMSON.
Rev. WILLIAM BALFOUR.
Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.
Professor CRUM BROWN.
F. BROWN DOUGLAS, Esq.
Professor DAVID DUFF.
C. J. GUTHRIE, Esq.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.
Rev. JOHN KAY.
Rev. ALEXANDER M'KENZIE.
Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D.
The Very Rev. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.
Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.
JOHN TAWSE, Esq.
Rev. ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON.

Of these there were present:—

Rev. Drs. SCOTT and SMITH; Rev. Messrs. ADAMSON, BALFOUR, KAY, M'KENZIE, and WILLIAMSON; Professors CRUM BROWN and DUFF; Messrs. GUTHRIE, HARVEY, and TAWSE; Misses BLYTH and STEVENSON.

Mr. Brown Douglas sent a letter of apology for his absence.

It was agreed, upon the motion of Dr. Scott, that Mr. Balfour take the chair at the Meeting until a Chairman of the Board be elected.

The Clerk having stated that the first business was to elect a Chairman of the Board, Mr. Balfour moved, and Mr. M'Kenzie seconded, that Dr. Scott be elected Chairman of the Board. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and Dr. Scott accordingly took the chair.

It was remitted to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Scott (Convener), Professor Duff, Bailie Tawse, Miss Stevenson, and Messrs. Adamson and Guthrie, to report to next meeting upon the re-adjustment of the

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various Standing Committees of the Board, and of the Visitors to the Schools.

It was also remitted to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Harvey (Convener), Messrs. Balfour, Kay, M'Kenzie, Williamson, and Tawse, to revise the Standing Orders, and to report to next meeting of the Board.

It was agreed that the ordinary monthly meetings of the Board be held on the second Wednesday of each month, at Three P.M.

It was agreed that the Spring Holidays of the High School for this year be from Friday the 18th April till Monday the 5th May, both days exclusive.

It was remitted to Bailie Tawse, Professor Crum Brown, and Mr. Guthrie, to examine the election expenses account, with power to authorise the payment of the same.

Bailie Tawse was authorised to sign cheques, along with the Treasurer, until the Finance Committee of the Board be appointed.

It was agreed to meet on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at Three o'clock, for the transaction of business.

WM. BALFOUR.
ARCHD. SCOTT.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Wednesday, the 16th day of April* 1879:

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	PROFESSOR DUFF.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	Mr. HARVEY.
Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.	Mr. TAWSE.
PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.	Miss BLYTH.

Miss STEVENSON.

Letter was read explaining that Dr. Smith was unable, through illness, to be present.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th March were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the first meeting of the newly elected Board held on the 9th of April were held as read, and signed by Mr. Balfour and Dr. Scott.

Dr. Scott read the Report of the Committee on School Management:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee remitted to the School Work Committee to supply temporarily an Assistant to Leith Walk School, in place of Mr. Aiton, off duty through illness.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay to Mr. W. Hamilton Beattie, Architect of Dalry School, the sum of £255, 14s., in full of his claim for preparing plans, specifications, and taking estimates for a School in Dalry, which were afterwards departed from in favour of another design.

The Committee agreed to appoint Miss Elizabeth Johnston, at present Assistant in New Street School, to the Assistantship rendered vacant in Leith Walk School by the death of Miss Air. Miss Johnston to enter on duty on 31st March.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the joint meeting of the Law and Finance Committees.

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REPORT OF JOINT MEETING OF LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.

Mr. Mackinnon, the Returning Officer, reported that he considered it necessary to have 60 polling booths, in the event of a contested election, distributed among the various wards as follows :—

Calton ward, 3 booths; Broughton, 3; St. Bernard's, 3; St. George's, 3; St. Stephen's, 2; St. Luke's, 2; St. Andrew's, 2; Canongate, 8; St. Giles', 8; St. Cuthbert's, 6; George Square, 7; St. Leonard's, 7; and Newington, 6.

The Joint Committees agreed to give the use of the following Schools for polling, viz., Leith Walk for the Calton Ward; Stockbridge for St. Stephen's; West Fountainbridge for St. Cuthbert's; Bristo for George Square; New Street for Canongate; North Canongate for St. Giles'; and Causewayside for Newington Ward.

The Joint Committees approved of the arrangement for supplying refreshments both in the polling booths and at the counting of the votes, adopted at last Election, viz., soup in the polling booths, and tea or coffee at the counting of the votes.

The Joint Committees approved of the arrangements formerly adopted in the counting of the votes, viz., the employment of a separate staff of men for this purpose, the polling sheriffs and polling clerks not being available.

The Joint Committees approved of the following scheme of advertising, viz., each of the required notices to be posted up in various parts of the City, and, in addition, that the general intimation, first list of Candidates, second list of Candidates, and result of poll, be inserted once in each of the daily papers; and the number and situation of Polling Places be inserted three times in each of the daily papers.

It was agreed, in so far as the foregoing arrangements are not in conformity with the arrangements contemplated by the Scotch Education Department, in Circular 22, to make the necessary intimations to the Department; and also to intimate that, with regard to the allowance to the Returning Officer contemplated in the Circular, the Joint Committees consider it quite inadequate for this City.

The Joint Committees authorised the Treasurer to draw £118, 19s. 7d. to pay the balance of the cost of preparing the Electoral Roll, the total cost of which, according to the account submitted to the Committees and approved by them, amounts to £318, 19s. 7d., of which £200 was already authorised to be drawn.

The Joint Committees authorised Mr. Mackinnon, the Returning Officer, to summon the new Board to be elected on the 5th April, to meet in the Offices of the Board on Wednesday, the 9th April, at 3 P.M.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Bailie Tawse also read the following Report of the Election Expenses Account :—

REPORT BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE ELECTION EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

The Committee have carefully gone over the items in the account of the election expenses, as made up by the Returning Officer, approve

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thereof, and authorise their payment. The expenses consist of (1) fees to presiding officers and clerks at the various polling stations, £296, 15s.; (2) allowances to assistants and clerks engaged in counting the votes £154, 10s.; (3) expenses of polling stations and fitting up the same, £157, 8s. 1d.; (4) advertising, printing, stationery, and ballot-boxes, £192, 17s. 3d.; (5) preparation of the roll of voters £318, 19s. 7d.; (6.) miscellaneous petty outlays and expenses, £72, 1s. 6d.; (7) fee to Returning Officer. The Committee having considered this item, and having regard to the time engaged and the trouble and responsibility involved, fix the fee at one hundred and twenty guineas, being the same sum as that allowed at the election of 1876. The total amount of the expenses of the election is one thousand three hundred and eighteen pounds eleven shillings and fivepence sterling. For payment of the charge for preparing the roll of electors, amounting to £318, 19s. 7d., the Board have already given authority to their treasurer. The sum accordingly now to be provided amounts to £999, 11s. 10d., and the Committee authorise the treasurer to pay this sum to the Returning Officer, with instructions to him to pay the various accounts, and to lay the discharged accounts, together with the account for the preparation of the roll, before this Committee, with a view to their being thereafter deposited with the treasurer to be retained by him along with the other vouchers of the Board.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

Mr. Adamson moved and Mr. Balfour seconded, that the Report be approved.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

Miss Florence Lessels was appointed a Pupil-teacher to West Port School.

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Muncaster, temporarily Assistant in Leith Walk School, in room of Mr. Alfred Aiton, laid aside by illness.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

The Chairman submitted the Schemes of the Special Committee on the readjustment of the Standing Committees and Visitors of Schools, as follows:—

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

MEMBERS.	School Management.	School Work.	Building.	School Attendance.	High School.	Evening Schools.	Finance.	Law.
1. REV. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., CHAIRMAN.	*Convener.*	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
2. REV. WILLIAM ADAMSON,	M		M	M		*Convener.*		
3. REV. WILLIAM BALFOUR,	M	M	M				M	
4. MISS PHOEBE BLYTH,	M	M	M		M			
5. PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN,	M		*Convener.*		M		M	
6. FRANCIS BROWN-DOUGLAS,	M	M	M		*Convener.*			M
7. PROFESSOR DUFF,	M	M			M			M
8. CHARLES J. GUTHRIE,	M			M	M			*Convener.*
9. THOMAS HARVEY, LL.D.,	M	*Convener.*		M			M	
10. REV. JOHN KAY,	M	M				M	M	
11. REV. ALEXANDER M'KENZIE,	M	M				M		M
12. REV. DR. WM. SMITH,	M		M	M		M		
13. MISS FLORA C. STEVENSON,	M	M		*Convener.*		M		
14. JOHN TAWSE,	M		M		M		*Convener.*	M
15. REV. ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON,	M				M	M	M	

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VISITORS OF SCHOOLS.

Leith Walk,	Rev. A. MACKENZIE,
Holyrood,	Bailie TAWSE.
Stockbridge,	Mr. GUTHRIE,
Deanhaugh Street,	Dr. HARVEY.
Dalry,	Professor CRUM BROWN,
Dean,	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.
Roseburn,	
New Street,	Rev. W. BALFOUR,
North Canongate,	Dr. SMITH,
	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.
West Fountainbridge,	Miss BLYTH,
	Professor DUFF.
West Port,	Miss BLYTH,
Bristo,	Mr. BROWN-DOUGLAS,
	Rev. J. KAY.
St. Leonard's,	Rev. W. ADAMSON,
Causewayside,	Rev. A. WILLIAMSON.

The Schemes were approved.

Dr. Harvey laid on the table the following revised Standing Orders, and moved their adoption. Miss Blyth seconded.

STANDING ORDERS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

Meetings.

"Every School Board shall at the first meeting after their Election appoint "one of their number to be Chairman during the School Board's tenure of office; "and should the Chairman be absent from any meeting of the School Board, "the members present shall appoint one of themselves to be Chairman of the "meeting; and should a vacancy occur in the office of Chairman during the "currency of the School Board's tenure of office, it shall be supplied by a new "appointment; and at every meeting the Chairman shall have a deliberative, "and also in cases of equality, a casting vote; and three members of the School "Board shall be a quorum."

1. The Ordinary Meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, but Special Meetings may be called by the Clerk on the instructions of the Chairman, or on a requisition signed by not less than three members.

2. Notice of any ordinary Meeting shall be issued to the members

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at least two days before the day of meeting; and this shall also apply to Special Meetings, except in cases of urgency, when such reasonable notice shall be given as will enable the members to attend.

3. The notices shall in all cases specify the place, day, and hour of meeting, and the business to be brought before it.

4. The Ordinary Meetings of the Board shall be public, but it shall always be open to the majority of the members present to decide that any business shall be taken in private. Special Meetings shall also be public, subject to the above condition. The Chairman may at any time call a Private Meeting of the Board.

5. The business shall be printed in the notice calling the meeting in the following order:—(1.) Reports of Committees; (2.) Reports of Compulsory Officer and School Statistics; (3.) Communications and General Business; (4.) Motions. No business shall be taken out of the above order without the leave of the Board.

6. No discussion shall be allowed on the reading of the Minutes, except on the question whether they are a correct record of the matters transacted.

7. No motion, not directly arising out of the discussion regularly before the Board, shall be taken up without notice given at the previous meeting, unless with the consent of three-fourths of the members present.

8. Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk in writing; and after having been made, shall not be withdrawn, or in substance altered, unless by consent of the Board.

9. When only one amendment has been proposed to a motion, the vote shall be taken betwixt the motion and the amendment. When there is more than one amendment, the last amendment shall be put against that immediately preceding, and then the one which is carried shall be put against the next preceding, and so on till there remain only one amendment, betwixt which and the original motion the vote will be taken.

10. No one shall be entitled to enter a dissent from any resolution, except at the meeting at which it has been passed, but any member not present may at next meeting enter his dissent against any matter which was not specially mentioned in the notice calling the meeting.

11. All reports on Schools by Her Majesty's Inspectors, or by Examiners appointed by the Board, shall be regarded as confidential, but may be published by the authority of the Board. All documents laid on the table shall be held to be private, unless their publication is authorised by the meeting at which they are presented.

12. The vote shall be taken by calling the roll, and the names of the members voting shall be recorded; but without prejudice to the vote being taken of consent by a show of hands.

13. The Committees of the Board shall be Standing and Special.

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14. The Standing Committees are as follows :—

(1.) School Management.
(2.) School Work.
(3.) Building.
(4.) School Attendance.
(5.) High School.
(6.) Evening Schools.
(7.) Finance.
(8.) Law.

15. The Chairman shall be *ex officio* member of each of the Standing Committees, and any member of the Board, though not formally appointed as member of a Committee, shall be at liberty to attend the meetings of any of said Committees, and take part in the proceedings, but shall have no vote.

16. Three members shall be a quorum of each Committee.

17. The School Management Committee shall be a Committee of the whole Board, and shall consider all questions involving a change in the management, discipline, and teaching of the Schools.

18. The Committee on School Work shall see that the proper efficiency and discipline of the Schools are maintained, and, generally, that the Regulations of the Board for the Management of the Schools are observed.

19. The Committee on Buildings shall carry out the instructions of the Board as to the erection and furnishing of new Schools, and the keeping of the Buildings thereafter in suitable condition.

20. The Committee on School Attendance shall be intrusted with the carrying out of the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, and with the consideration of cases of neglected and destitute children.

21. The High School Committee shall see that the discipline of the School is maintained; and shall submit to the Board any suggestions as to alterations which may be found desirable.

22. The Committee on Evening Schools shall submit to the Board each year in July a scheme of Evening Classes for the ensuing session. The Committee shall be intrusted with the management of such Classes as the Board shall order to be conducted.

23. The Committee on Finance shall be intrusted, generally, with all questions relating to money matters, estimates of receipts and expenditure, and the supervision of the Treasurer's books and accounts.

24. The Law Committee shall have remitted to it any question of a legal character, on which an opinion is desired either by the Board or by any of the other Committees.

25. Two or more members of the Board shall be from time to time appointed Visitors of each School. It shall be the duty of the Visitors to visit the Schools to which they are appointed once a month, and they shall have power to recommend to the School Management Committee such apparatus, books, etc., as they consider necessary for the efficient teaching of the School.

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Mr. Adamson moved and Mr. Balfour seconded, that the last sentence of paragraph eleven read as follows —"But other documents laid on the table of the public meetings of the Board shall be held to be public, unless their publication is interdicted by the meeting at which they are presented."

For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted—Dr. Harvey, Professors Crum Brown and Duff, Messrs. Brown Douglas, Guthrie, Kay, Mackenzie, Tawse, Williamson, Miss Blyth, Miss Stevenson; for Mr. Adamson's amendment—Mr. Adamson and Mr. Balfour. Dr. Scott did not vote. There being a majority for the motion of Dr. Harvey, it became the judgment of the Board.

Mr. Adamson dissented.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report of the examination of children under 13 years of age presented to be passed to evening classes.

Since last meeting of the Board, 23 were presented for examination for admission to evening classes; of these, 16 were passed. The total number passed this session now amounts to 217.

The following Report by Mr. Wilson, Architect, upon the School of St. Leonard's was read :—

I have to report in regard to the progress of the work at St. Leonard's School, that the one-half of the building is built to the height of one storey, the joisting of which is at present being laid; the other half of the building is nearly ready for the joisting.

ROBT. WILSON.

The following Report by the Compulsory Officer was laid upon the table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending March 29, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Week ending March 29, ...	2298

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	1	
Above age, ...	32	
Incurable, ...	2	
Left the City, ...	24	
Removed to other parts of the City, . .	33	
Gone to School, ...	1557	
Absent through Temporary Causes, . .	649	
	——	2298

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Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are:—

Refractory,		4
Sick,		409
Wanting Clothing,		34
Unable to pay Fees,		13
Considered too young,		23
Absent from want of Accommodation,		...
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon,	Fault of Parents, 127 / Fault of Children, 39	166
		649

N.B.—Of the 649 Absent, 361 are returned over seven years of age, and 288 under seven.

Of the 409 returned Sick, 11 are Fever cases, 7 Hooping-Cough: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever or Hooping-Cough.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
Edinburgh, *April* 11, 1879.

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 8th February 1879, and not disposed of in previous reports.

Of the 11 children not disposed of, 5 are now regular at School—2 gone to Industrial Schools—1 sick, and 3 not yet sent to School. Total, ... 11

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 8th March 1879.

To be—

Prosecuted.—9 Parents with 11 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 9; not sent to School 1—sent to Industrial School 1. Total, ... 11

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—12 parents with 19 children; of whom there are now regular at School 18—not sent 1. Total, ... 19

To be—

Delayed.—15 parents with 22 children; of whom there are now regular at School 17—not sent 1—sent to Industrial School 2—Evening Class 2. Total, ... 22

Total, . . . 52

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
11*th April* 1879.

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COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 18th March 1879 and 8th April 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	50	
	—	50
Girls regular, ...	40	
	—	40
Total, . .		90

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows:—

Girls regular, ...	7	
	—	7
Total, .		7

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
11*th April* 1879.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Chairman explained that the School Attendance Committee had met in conference Committees of the Parochial Boards of the City and St. Cuthbert's Parishes, on the 24th day of February, on the subject of the education of Neglected and Destitute Children; that the meeting was adjourned until the Committees of the two Parochial Boards should have an opportunity of investigating the cases of children, for the efficient education of which, in the opinion of the Board, special arrangements require to be made; that a letter had been received from the Inspector of the City Parish, enclosing a Report marked *private*, regarding the children within the bounds of the City Parish, which he now laid upon the table.

It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to ask the Committees of the Parochial Boards to meet in conference on the subject on Tuesday the 29th, at 3 P.M., and to invite all the members of the Board to the meeting.

The Committee agreed to meet on Friday the 18th, at 3 P.M., and also on Tuesday the 29th, at 2 P.M., to consider the subject.

It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to hold a special meeting on Saturday the 3d of May, at 2 P.M., to consider the case of

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defaulting parents. It was agreed to hold these meetings in future in North Canongate School, and to record the thanks of the Board to the Lord Provost and Magistrates for their kindness in giving the use of the Police Court-room for the purpose of meeting with defaulting parents for the past four and a half years.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid on the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 5 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 28th March 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th March 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	6836	4378	11,214	6010	3248	9258	5218	2683	7896	86·78	82·6	85·28
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	1781	1312	3,093	1224	816	2040	1037	578	1615	84·72	70·83	79·16
5 Non-Board Schools, . .	779	598	1,377	665	451	1116	550	368	918	82·7	81·59	82·25
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4860	..	..	4430	..	..	91·15
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for Young Men, . . .	..	..	40	..	..	30	..	..	21	..	..	70·
1 for Young Women, . .	..	..	50	..	..	45	..	..	38	..	..	84·4
15 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	..	..	..	713	..	..	535	..	..	75·03

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

Read letter from Miss Morrison, Mistress of the Infant Department of Dalry School, resigning her appointment owing to protracted illness. The resignation was accepted.

Bailie Tawse moved and Miss Blyth seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for Candidates to supply this vacancy. Mr. Adamson moved and Miss Stevenson seconded, that it be remitted to the School Management Committee, with powers to instruct in regard to the filling up of the vacancy. For Bailie Tawse's motion, there voted Bailie Tawse, Miss Blyth, and Mr. M'Kenzie. For Mr. Adamson's there voted Dr. Harvey, Professors Crum Brown and Duff, Rev. Messrs. Adamson, Balfour, and Williamson, Messrs. Brown Douglas and Guthrie, and Miss Stevenson. Dr. Scott and Mr. Kay did not vote.

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There being a majority for Mr. Adamson's motion, it became the judgment of the Board. Bailie Tawse dissented.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to inquire whether temporary provision is necessary for the educational requirements of the Abbey Hill and Lawnmarket districts, and to report to next meeting of the Board.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an Assistant, at a Salary at the rate of £80 per annum, in the Juvenile Department of Leith Walk School, in room of the late Mr. Alfred Aiton.

Read letter from the Scotch Education Department, dated 29th March, asking the remarks of the Board upon an application made to the Department for annual grants on account of School recently opened in Abbey Hill in connection with the Episcopal Church. It was remitted to the Chairman and Clerk to reply to the letter received from the Department.

The Clerk stated that since the Board, on 11th December last, had agreed to ask the sanction of the Scotch Education Department for a Loan from the Public Works Loan Commissioners of £40,000, to meet the expense outstanding of Schools formerly erected, and to meet the cost of erecting three new Schools, viz., in Lothian Road, in Canonmills, and in the Abbey Hill district, the site of the Lothian Road School had been acquired, and a portion of the price, amounting to £2046, had been allowed to remain as feu-duty on the ground, the site of Canonmills had also been acquired, and the whole of the purchase-money remained in the shape of feu-duty as a permanent burden on the ground, and that accordingly it is only necessary now to ask the sanction of the Department to a Loan of £35,000.

The Board agreed, in terms of section 45 of the Education Act of 1872, to ask the consent of their Lordships of the Scotch Education Department to borrow from the Public Works Loan Commissioners the sum of £35,000 upon the security of the School Fund and the School Rate, and to pay the same, principal and interest, by thirty equal annual instalments, for the following purposes, viz., (1.) To meet outstanding payments in respect of Dalry and North Canongate Schools, after exhausting the two former Loans of £70,000 and £35,000, and the Building Grants from the Scotch Education Department; (2.) To erect and fit up three new Schools, viz., in Lothian Road, Canonmills, and Abbey Hill; and (3.) To pay a portion of the price of the site acquired for Lothian Road School, and to acquire a site for Abbey Hill School.

Read Letter from Mr. John Hope asking the use of the High School Play-ground during the summer months, for the purpose of drilling the British League Cadets. It was agreed to grant Mr. Hope's request.

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The Report of Her Majesty's Inspector on Causewayside School was laid upon the Table, and remitted to the School Work Committee.

Plans for Canonmills School, prepared by Mr. Wilson, Architect, were laid upon the Table. The Plans were remitted to the School Management Committee, to consider and report to next meeting.

It was remitted, on the motion of Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mr. M'Kenzie, to the School Management Committee, to make the necessary arrangements with the Rev. James Currie and Maurice Paterson, Esq., for examining and reporting upon the Religious Instruction in the Elementary Schools.

It was agreed to hold the ordinary monthly meetings on the second Monday, instead of the second Wednesday, of each month.

Mr. Adamson gave notice of the following motion for next meeting: —That it be remitted to the School Management Committee to consider and report on the appointment of a special teacher to give instruction in the Schools in rotation, on health, temperance, conduct, and social economy.

Miss Blyth gave notice of the following motion:—That the Board re-consider the mode of selecting and electing teachers for the higher appointments.

It was remitted to the Law Committee to consider and report upon the Poor-Law Amendment Bill now before Parliament.

Letter from the Janitor of West Fountainbridge School, asking additional allowance for cleaning the School, was remitted to the Finance Committee and Lady Members of the Board.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had destroyed the papers and other documents used at the election of 1876, and that he had carefully laid past in a safe place the papers, etc., connected with the recent election.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th March* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Mar. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	787	412	1199	718	287	1005	641	258	899	89·2	89·8	89·45
Causewayside,	506	370	876	597	198	795	482	170	652	80·7	85·8	82·01
Dalry,	700	480	1180	613	369	982	510	268	778	83·1	72·6	79·22
Dean,	266	181	447	256	127	383	231	118	349	90·2	92·1	91·12
Deanhaugh Street,	233	172	405	200	130	330	165	106	271	82·5	81·5	82·12
Holyrood,	,,	279	279	,,	164	164	,,	130	130	,,	79·26	79·26
Leith Walk,	996	461	1457	822	379	1201	698	309	1007	84·9	81·5	83·84
New Street,	828	511	1339	635	410	1045	558	334	892	87·8	81·4	85·35
North Canongate,	393	119	512	355	95	450	291	79	370	81·9	83·1	82·2
Roseburn,	20	94	114	40	64	104	38	48	86	95·	75·	82·69
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	451	252	703	409	212	621	90·6	84·1	88·33
Stockbridge,	567	296	863	501	256	757	460	217	677	91·8	84·7	89·42
West Fountainbridge,	706	430	1136	636	353	989	570	294	864	89·6	83·2	87·34
West Port,	269	214	483	186	164	350	160	140	300	86·	85·3	85·71
TOTAL,	6836	4378	11214	6010	3248	9258	5213	2683	7896	86·73	82·6	85·28
Corresponding period last Year,	6793	4669	11462	5686	3373	9059	4894	2736	7630	86·07	81·11	84·22

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th March* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th March 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	182	248	430	140	200	340	120	171	291	85·7	85·5	85·58
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	260	...	260	198	...	198	179	...	179	90·4	...	90·4
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls, .	226	...	226	178	...	178	157	...	157	88·2	...	88·2
,, ,, Infants,	...	384	384	...	218	218	...	193	193	...	88·52	88·52
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	408	480	888	207	250	457	151	129	280	72·9	51·6	61·26
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	353	...	353	227	...	227	189	...	189	83·26	...	83·26
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	188	...	188	138	...	138	119	...	119	86·23	...	86·23
,, ,, Girls, .	164	...	164	136	...	136	122	...	122	89·7	...	89·7
,, ,, Infants, .	...	200	200	...	148	148	...	85	85	...	57·43	57·43
TOTAL,	1781	1312	3093	1224	816	2040	1037	578	1615	84·72	70·83	79·16
Corresponding period last Session,	1753	860	2613	1249	526	1775	1064	401	1465	85·18	76·23	82·53

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Five* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th March* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since Return opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th March 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period			Percentage present for same period		
	Juvenile.	Infants.	Total.	Juvenile.	Infants.	Total.	Juvenile.	Infants.	Total.	Juvenile.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh,	141	168	309	125	122	247	108	100	208	86·4	81·9	84·21
Canongate Society,	145	...	145	100	...	100	91	...	91	91·00	...	91·00
Fountainbridge, F.C.,	287	192	479	195	106	301	187	80	267	80·51	75·4	78·73
Trinity Episcopal,	202	198	400	185	215	400	144	188	332	77·8	86·8	83·17
Blind Asylum,	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·		100·
TOTAL,	779	508	1377	655	451	1116	580	388	918	88·7	81·89	82·08
Corresponding period last Session for seven Schools,	1161	1063	2224	957	788	1745	835	584	1419	87·25	74·11	81·31

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th March* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	319	300	...	12	7	2
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	324	304	...	6	7	...
3. High School Yards, .	330	327	298	...	12	8	...
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	320	292	...	6	9	9
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	315	295	...	4	5	8
6. Brown Square, . .	240	243	212	...	7	11	12
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	345	330	...	4	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	254	235	...	5	7	14
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	321	287	...	7	9	7
10. Davie Street, . .	320	320	298	...	5	6	6
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	283	273	...	9	4	6
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	334	315	...	6	5	15
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	186	151	...	3	11	1
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	162	148	...	...	7	4
15. Broughton, . . .	160	135	119	...	3	4	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	172	146	...	4	6	...
17. Abbeyhill . . .	170	170	143	...	...	12	...
18. Davie Street, . .	180	180	154	...	...	11	16
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	150	130	...	1	10	...
	4939	4860	4430	...	94	7	100

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Four Weeks ending 27th March* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th March 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. New Street, ...	40	30	21	70·
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	50	45	38	84·4
TOTAL (Male and Female), . .	90	75	59	78·65

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APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL EVENING CLASSES *on 20th March* 1879.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
SPECIAL CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	37	26	14
2. Mathematics, ...	18	15	3
3. English Grammar and Composition, . .	11	8	...
Broughton Street—			
4. Writing and Book-keeping, . . .	40	32	...
5. Shorthand, ...	56	16	40
Rose Street—			
6. French, ...	38	34	...
7. German, ...	11	11	3
Victoria Street—			
8. Drawing, ...	46	36	...
9. Drawing, ...	35	27	...
FOR FEMALES.			
Broughton Street—			
10. Writing and Book-keeping, . . .	30	24	...
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
11. High School Yards, ...	78	47	12
12. Heriot Bridge, ...	74	56	4
13. Rose Street, ...	76	65	...
14. Davie Street, ...	83	71	27
FOR FEMALES.			
15. Cowgate Port, ...	80	67	7
	713	535	110

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 12th MAY 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 12th day of May* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

PROFESSOR DUFF.	Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.
PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	Mr. HARVEY.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	Miss STEVENSON.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	Miss BLYTH.

The Minute of last Ordinary Meeting was held as read, and signed by the Chairman. Mr. Balfour took exception to the accuracy of the following paragraph in the Minute, viz. :—"It was remitted to the School Management Committee to inquire whether temporary provision is necessary for educational requirements of the Abbey Hill and Lawnmarket Districts, and to report to next meeting of the Board;" and stated that his understanding was that the paragraph should read as follows, viz. :—"The subject of the temporary provision for the educational requirements of Abbey Hill District was remitted to the School Management Committee, and to report to next meeting of the Board. The educational provision for the Lawnmarket was remitted to the same Committee."

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board, held in North Canongate School, on Saturday the 3d May, to consider the cases of Defaulting Parents, were approved.

The Chairman read the following Report of the School Management Committee :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee had before them the plans of Canonmills School, prepared by Mr. Wilson. The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to adopt the plans, altering the accommodation for the staffs to two rooms—one for the male staff, and one for the female staff.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from the Scotch Education Department stating that their Lordships were not disposed to ignore the accommodation provided by the Abbeyhill Episcopal

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School in sanctioning the loan asked by the Board for the purpose of building a School in that locality. The Committee agreed to adhere to its former resolution to build the School of Abbeyhill independently of the accommodation provided by this School.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to forward to the teachers of the Elementary Schools Schedules and Forms regarding the teaching of higher subjects, sent by the Secretary of the Endowed Institutions Commission.

The Committee agreed to appoint Miss Sloan, Mistress of the Infant Department in New Street School, to the situation of Mistress of the Infant Department in Dalry School, vacant by the resignation of Miss Morison. Bailie Tawse dissented from the appointment of Miss Sloan on the ground that the vacancy ought to be advertised.

The Committee appointed Mr. W. H. Muncaster, M.A., Assistant in Leith Walk School, in room of Mr. Alfred Aiton, deceased.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

Professor Duff moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, that the Report be approved. The Report was approved. Mr. Wilson, Architect, was instructed to prepare specifications and take estimates for Canonmills School.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the Committee on School Work as follows :—

REPORT OF SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board that the Mistress to be appointed to Infant Department of New Street School should be appointed at a salary of £150 per annum, subject to any modification which the Board may consider desirable, as the result of the inquiry now being made regarding the salaries of the teachers employed by the Board.

The Committee have to report the receipt of H. M. Inspector's reports on Roseburn, Causewayside, and New Street Schools. Alison I. Bone, candidate for the office of pupil-teacher in Causewayside School, not having passed the examination, is disqualified under the regulations of the Board; but she can be received on the list of candidates for a future appointment, upon her passing the examination to be held by the Board in July next.

The Committee approved of a time-table for Causewayside School submitted by the Headmaster.

The Committee appointed temporarily to St. Leonard's School Miss Robina A. Swan, as assistant in room of Mr. Davidson, laid aside by illness.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

Miss Stevenson moved, and Professor Duff seconded, that the Report be approved. Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. Williamson seconded, that the services of Alison I. Bone be retained in Causewayside School until after the Examination of Candidates for the office of pupil-teacher by the Board in July, otherwise that the Report be approved. On a division there voted for the approval of the Report, Miss

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Stevenson, Professor Duff, Miss Blyth; and for Dr. Harvey's Amendment, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Kay, and Mr. Mackenzie. It was agreed to retain the services of Alison I. Bone, in Causewayside School, until after the examination in July, otherwise the Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of Committee on School Attendance :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee agreed to send circulars to the Managers of Schools in the city, asking for accurate and punctual information regarding the attendance of Schools under their management.

The Committee remitted to the Convener to revise the list of Defaulting Parents summoned before the Board on 3d May.

The Committee had conference with Committees of the Parochial Boards of St. Cuthbert's and City Parishes in March last, on the subject of the efficient education of neglected and destitute children. The conference was resumed on the 29th ulto., but owing to the absence in London of the Committee of the City Parochial Board, representatives from St. Cuthbert's Parish only were present. The Committee hope that the conference will be resumed on an early day, suitable to both Parochial Boards, after which the Committee will be able to submit a final report on the subject.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

Miss Stevenson moved the approval of the Report, Mr. Mackenzie seconded. The Report was approved. It was agreed to record the thanks of the Board to Miss Stevenson, and to W. F. Skene, Esq., LL.D., for their services in securing the attendance at school of destitute and neglected children.

Mr. Adamson read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee have to submit the following Report on the work done in the Evening Classes during the winter :—

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

The School Board's Evening Classes have now been in operation for six Sessions. The following Table presents an abstract of the work :—

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SESSION.	Number of Classes opened.	Numbers enrolled.	Average Number on the Roll.	Average nightly attendance.	Number presented for examination.	Number of Certificates.
1873-74	11	983	...	410	173	252
1874-75	11	962	537	319	151	120
1875-76	12	951	432	340	95	96
1876-77	7	788	354	284	157	116
1877-78	8	937	460	341	203	136
1878-79	8	841	418	315	231	183

Each Session extended over a period of upwards of five months, beginning towards the end of September, and continuing till the close of first or second week of March.

SESSION 1878-79.

The Sixth Session commenced on 30th September 1878, and terminated on 13th March 1879. The following Table is an abstract of the work of the Session :—

SCHOOLS.	Number enrolled during Session.	Average number on the Roll for five months.	Average nightly attendance for five months.	Number presented for Examination.	Number of Certificates awarded.
1. FOR YOUNG MEN.					
St Leonard's,	90	42	27	16	8
New Street,	105	47	32	18	18
Leith Walk,	130	53	35	24	15
Stockbridge,	87	48	33	22	23
West Fountainbridge,	167	83	67	27	19
Dalry,	100	52	40	41	30
TOTAL (Male),	679	325	234	148	113
2. FOR YOUNG WOMEN.					
Bristo,	133	77	70	69	59
Stockbridge,	29	16	11	14	11
TOTAL (Female),	162	93	81	83	70
TOTAL (Male and Female),	841	418	315	231	183

NUMBER PRESENTED FOR EXAMINATION.

Of the 231 presented for examination before H. M. Inspector, 5 were presented in the first standard, 24 in the second, 43 in the third, 71 in the fourth, 54 in the fifth, and 34 in the sixth standard. It would appear from the duplicate Examination Schedules, that 228 passed in Reading, 182 in Writing, and 176 in Arithmetic. A greater number was presented this Session in the higher standards than formerly. Towards the close of Session 1877-78 there were 12 examined in the sixth standard. This Session, as already noticed, there were 34.

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Certificates of Merit.

This Session 183 pupils obtained Certificates. In 1877-78 there were 136. The certificates were, as formerly, awarded—(1.) To pupils who were examined and passed in not fewer than two subjects in the 3d, 4th, 5th, or 6th standard, who attended at least 45 nights in the Session, and whose conduct was good; (2.) To pupils upwards of 21 years of age not examined by H. M. Inspector, who attended at least 50 nights in the Session, and who satisfied the teachers as to conduct and progress. Of the 183 to whom certificates were given, 32 were examined in the sixth, 49 in the fifth, 56 in the fourth, and 37 in the third Standard. Some of the nine not accounted for were above age, and the others had before been examined in the sixth standard. The total possible number of attendances was 91, and the average number of attendances made by those who received certificates was 63. A young man in Leith Walk class was the only scholar who had 91 attendances.

We are of opinion that in future certificates should only be granted to pupils who pass in one of the three highest standards, and that a pass in all the three subjects should be required. This arrangement would no doubt lessen the number, but it would greatly enhance the value of the certificates. A third standard certificate is very apt to mislead those who are not acquainted with the meagreness of the attainments necessary for the possession of it.

Lessons in singing were taught by Mr. Duncan Fraser, in each of the two classes for young women, for half an hour per week. These lessons were beneficial to the scholars, and we recommend that they be continued in future.

Pupils under thirteen years of age.

At the classes for young men 113 were enrolled under 13 years of age. Neither the progress nor the conduct of many of these lads was satisfactory. It would be an improvement, where convenient, were all under thirteen to meet in a separate room from the older scholars under a qualified assistant.

Pupils above twenty-one years of age.

Not a very large number above 21 years of age joined the classes this Session. Dulness in trade may to some extent account for this. The few who did attend displayed great diligence in the prosecution of their studies. A porter aged 25 has attended the Leith Walk Class for two Sessions with very great regularity, and in Arithmetic has advanced from the Simple Rules to Proportion. His progress in some of the other branches has also been highly satisfactory. The age of the oldest scholar in New Street was 38, in Leith Walk 34, in Stockbridge 25, in West Fountainbridge 37, and in Dalry 28.

Young Women's Classes.

The few girls who attended the New Town Class which met in Stockbridge School, made a highly creditable appearance at the examination. All who were presented passed in Reading, only one failed in Writing, and one in Arithmetic. They were in all respects well taught.

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The flourishing condition of the Old Town Class, which met in Bristo School, will be best shown from the following statistics :—

SESSION.	Number Enrolled.	Average number on the Roll.	Average nightly attendance.	Number presented for examination.	Number of Certificates awarded.
1876-77	54	30	23	22	16
1877-78	113	62	52	49	36
1878-79	133	77	70	69	59

We were much pleased with the attention, improvement, and behaviour of the young women.

The Certificates of Merit were presented by Miss Stevenson to the young women on the evening of Tuesday, 11th March, and by the Convener of Committee on Evening Schools to the young men, on the evening of Thursday, 13th March. The pupils listened very attentively to the addresses by Miss Stevenson, Miss Blyth, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Adamson.

WILLIAM ADAMSON, *Convener.*

Mr. Adamson moved, and Miss Blyth seconded, that the Report be approved. The Report was approved.

The Chairman, in the absence of Bailie Tawse, read the following Report of the Committee on Finance :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee had before them the account of Mr. Kemp, contractor, for the mason work of Dalry School, together with an explanatory letter from Mr. Beattie, the architect. The Committee authorised the Treasurer to pay the balance of Mr. Kemp's account.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay the balance of Mr. Beattie, the architect's, account in connection with this School, under deduction of £20, the amount of the Board's claim against him in connection with the boundary-walls, consideration of which claim had been reserved by the Board on 14th November 1877.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson, the architect, to accept the lowest estimate for permanent desks to accommodate 56 children, in Stockbridge School, and to take estimates for providing dual desks of the same description as those already in the School, to accommodate other 56 children.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to accept the estimate of Mr. Greig, amounting to £11, for fitting up a screen at Causewayside School, throwing a class-room of the Infant Department into the Juvenile Department of that School.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to forward the plans and specifications of the Lothian Road and Canonmills Schools to the Scotch Education Department.

The Committee had under consideration an application from the Janitor of West Fountainbridge School for an increase to his allowance for paying cleaners. The Committee agreed to recommend the Board

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to remit the question of salaries of Janitors and the cleaning of the Schools to a Committee, and in the meantime to refuse to entertain the present application.

The Committee authorised the transfer from the rates of the following sums to the income of the undermentioned Schools :—

Public (Day) School—Dalry, £1632, 18s. 11½d.

Public (Evening) Schools—Bristo, £46, 6s.; Dalry, £41, 2s. 7d.; Leith Walk, £20, 7s. 8d.; New Street, £39, 6s. 1d.; St. Leonard's, £9, 17s. 10d.; Stockbridge (Boys), £13, 17s. 9d.; Stockbridge (Girls), £13, 13s.; West Fountainbridge, £20, 2s. 10d.

The Committee recommend the Board to instruct the Teachers of the Evening Classes in future to collect the fees on the enrolment of the pupils.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved. The question of salary of Janitor and cleaning of the Schools was remitted to the Finance Committee and Lady Members to consider and report.

Mr. Guthrie read the following Report of the Committee on Law :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

The Law Committee having considered the Poor Law Amendment Bill (1878), have to report that the only clauses which affect the interests of the Board are—*First*, clauses 29 to 34, both inclusive, relating partly to the audit of School Board accounts, and *Second*, clauses 27 and 37, relating, the first, to the detention of children in poorhouses, and the second, extending the provisions of section 80 of 8 and 9 Vic., cap. 83.

In regard to the audit of accounts, the Committee feel the great advantage of having an independent, efficient, and uniform audit. The Board has shown its sense of the importance of such an audit, by the voluntary appointment of an auditor of their own. The Committee, while of opinion that the clauses are capable of improvement, do not consider that the Board has any sufficient interest to propose any amendment.

In regard to the other clauses, the Committee are in course of framing a clause for insertion, which they propose to submit to a joint meeting with the Parochial Boards.

CHARLES J. GUTHRIE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Professor Duff, Convener of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of Temporary School accommodations in the districts of Lawnmarket and Abbeyhill, gave in the following Report :—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION IN THE LAWNMARKET AND ABBEYHILL DISTRICTS.

I. LAWNMARKET.—At a meeting on Friday the 9th inst., the Special Committee agreed to recommend by a majority of 3 votes to 2 votes, that application be made to the Scotch Education Department, to sanction the opening of temporary school accommodation for the infant children of Lawnmarket district. It was afterwards found that a

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member of the Board, who is not a member of the Committee, had inadvertently voted in favour of the recommendation, whereupon the Committee agreed to report the circumstances to the Board.

II. HOLYROOD.—The Committee have not yet been able to come to a final conclusion on the question remitted to them regarding this district.

Mr. Mackenzie moved, and Professor Duff seconded, that the Report be adopted, and that the Board apply to the Scotch Education Department for sanction to open temporary school accommodation for the infant children of Lawnmarket district. Mr. Adamson moved, and Miss Stevenson seconded, that the subject be remitted back to the Committee for further consideration. Thereafter Mr. Mackenzie's motion was withdrawn, and it was agreed to remit the subject back to the Committee.

Miss Stevenson reported that, since last meeting of the Board, 17 children under 13 years of age applied and were examined for admission to Evening Classes. Of these, 6 were passed, 4 refused, 3 delayed, and in the cases of 4, while the Committee were unable to pass them, it was agreed to allow them to attend an Evening Class in the meantime.

The Clerk read the following Report by Mr. Wilson, Architect, on the progress of the work of St. Leonard's School :—

REPORT BY MR. WILSON ON SCHOOL (ST. LEONARD'S) IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

I have to report, in regard to new St. Leonard's School, that the stone lintels of the upper floor windows are being laid, and that a part of the wall at the south end is built up to the level of wall head.

ROBT. WILSON.

The following Report by the Compulsory Officer was laid on the table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending April 26, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending April 26, ...		2163
Of the above number there are :—		
Dead, ...	1	
Above age, ...	37	
Incurable, ...	...	
Left the City, ...	43	
Removed to other parts of the City, . .	40	
Gone to School, ...	1518	
Absent through Temporary Causes, . .	524	
	——	2163

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Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—

Refractory,		4
Sick,		303
Wanting Clothing,		27
Unable to pay Fees,		14
Considered too young,		14
Absent from want of Accommodation,		...
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon,	Fault of Parents, 141 Fault of Children, 21	162
		524

N.B.—Of the 524 Absent, 319 are returned over seven years of age, and 205 under seven.

Of the 303 returned Sick, 14 are Fever cases, 9 Hooping-Cough: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever or Hooping-Cough.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
Edinburgh, *May* 7, 1879.

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 3d May 1879.

To be—

Prosecuted.—17 Parents with 21 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 10; not sent to School 11. Total, . . 21

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—15 Parents with 22 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 16—not sent 5—above age 1. Total, ... 22

To be—

Delayed.—15 Parents with 17 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 12—not sent 3—sick 1—above age 1. Total, ... 17

Total, . . . 60

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
7th May 1879.

Compulsory Officer's Report on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 9th April 1879 and 9th May 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

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Boys regular, ...	48	
„ irregular, ...	8	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	6	
„ sick, ...	1	
	—	63
Girls regular, ...	29	
„ irregular, ...	4	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	2	
„ absent, ...	4	
	—	39
Total, . .		102

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	8	
	—	8
Total, .		8

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
7th May 1879.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee. The Committee were instructed to withdraw the privilege of attending an Evening Class instead of a Day-school from such children under 13 years of age as attended irregularly.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid on the table :—

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ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 5 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Five Weeks ending 2d May 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 2d May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools,	6948	4565	11,513	6182	3083	9265	5337	2572	7909	86·33	83·42	85·36
9 Roman Catholic Schools,	Not complete.											
5 Non-Board Schools,	682	316	998	557	249	806	482	202	684	86·5	81·1	84·86
19 Heriot Schools,	..	..	4,939	..	..	4891	..	..	4468	..	..	91·35
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for Young Men,	..	..	77	..	..	53	..	..	35	..	..	66·03
1 for Young Women,	..	..	63	..	..	57	..	..	49	..	..	85·96

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Board authorised any one of the members of the Finance Committee, viz., John Tawse, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Scott, the Rev. W. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Dr. Harvey, the Rev. John Kay, and the Rev. Alexander Williamson, to sign cheques along with the Treasurer, and instructed the Clerk to send a copy of this minute to the Commercial and Royal Banks, where the accounts of the Board are kept.

With consent of the Board Mr. Adamson altered the motion of which he had given notice at last Meeting as follows:—That it be remitted to the School Management Committee to consider and report on the subject of giving special instruction in the Schools on health, temperance, conduct, and social economy. Mr. Adamson moved, and Mr. Kay seconded this motion. Afterwards the motion was withdrawn, and on the suggestion of Professor Duff, it was unanimously agreed to remit to the School Management Committee to consider and report whether it be desirable that special instruction be given in the Schools on health, temperance, conduct, and social economy.

Miss Blyth moved the following motion, of which she had given notice, viz.:—That the Board re-consider the mode of electing for the higher appointments. Professor Duff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted, and it was remitted to the following Committee to

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consider and report, viz.:—Miss Blyth (Convener), Dr. Duff, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Kay.

The Chairman read letter from the Secretary of the Endowed Institutions Commission, dated April 26, 1879, directing the attention of the Board to Petitions by Robertson's Trustees and the Governors of Heriot's Hospital, advertised in the Edinburgh Gazette of April 1 and April 11, and asking whether the Board have any remarks to offer, or desire to be heard by the Commission on the subject of the Petitions. The letter was remitted to the School Management Committee, who were authorised to take such action as may be considered desirable regarding these Petitions.

Read letter from the Scotch Education Department regarding the expense of the Examination of the High School. The letter was remitted to the High School Committee with powers.

The Chairman laid upon the table a letter from the Preses of the Buchanan Society, enclosing a copy of the rules regulating the Scholarships constituted by that Society.

Letters from Mr. Muncaster, Assistant in Leith Walk School, and Miss Sloan, Mistress of the Infant Department in Dalry School, accepting their appointments, were laid upon the table.

PRIVATE.

Professor Brown reported on a site for Abbeyhill School. It was remitted to Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Guthrie, to secure for the Board a site at Abbey Church or at Mr. Laird's ground, and to report to the School Management Committee, who are authorised to conclude the purchase of either of these sites.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee, with powers, to accept estimates for Lothian Road School.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare, as in former years, the statistics of attendance in Elementary Schools in the City during the month of March 1879.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 2d May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 5 weeks ending 2d May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	787	412	1199	706	288	994	625	252	877	88·5	87·5	88·22
Causewayside,	518	382	900	579	216	795	511	187	698	88·2	86·5	87·79
Dalry,	707	518	1225	605	363	968	502	283	785	82·9	77·9	81·09
Dean,	289	198	467	258	130	388	234	117	351	90·6	90·	90·46
Deanhaugh Street,	236	177	413	199	134	333	161	111	272	80·9	82·8	81·68
Holyrood,	...	283	283	...	166	166	...	132	132	...	79·51	79·51
Leith Walk,	1009	475	1484	810	383	1193	678	317	995	83·7	82·7	83·4
New Street,	830	517	1347	844	183	1027	695	146	841	82·3	79·7	81·88
North Canongate,	450	147	597	394	115	509	303	89	392	76·9	77·3	77·01
Roseburn,	21	102	123	46	56	102	42	49	91	91·3	87·5	89·21
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	437	245	682	404	212	616	92·4	86·5	90·32
Stockbridge,	574	317	891	503	273	776	460	239	699	91·4	87·5	90·07
West Fountainbridge,	712	452	1164	619	369	988	568	301	869	91·7	81·5	87·95
West Port,	270	226	496	182	162	344	154	137	291	84·6	84·5	84·59
Total,	6948	4565	11513	6182	3083	9265	5337	2572	7909	86·33	83·42	85·36
Corresponding period last session,	6944	4830	11774	5745	3411	9156	4824	2740	7564	83.97	80.32	82.61

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 2d May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 2d May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	191	262	453	159	190	349	147	153	300	92·4	80·5	85·95
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .	268	...	268	198	...	198	168	...	168	84·81	...	84·81
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	221	...	221	171	...	171	162	...	162	95·2	...	95·2
,, ,, (Infants),	...	394	394	...	268	268	...	210	210	...	78·32	78·32
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	416	498	914	212	247	459	158	144	302	74·5	58·2	65 77
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .	362	...	362	227	...	227	198	...	198	87·22	...	87·22
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys),	188	...	188	138	...	138	113	...	113	81·88	...	81·88
,, ,, (Girls),	164	...	164	154	...	154	116	...	116	75·32	...	75·32
,, ,, (Infants),												
Total,												
Corresponding period of last session,	No returns.											

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Five* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 2d May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 2d May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	141	176	317	125	130	255	109	112	221	87·2	86·1	86·6
Canongate Society, ...	148	...	148	110	...	110	89	...	89	80·9	...	80·9
Fountainbridge Free Church, . .	245	140	385	193	119	312	158	90	248	81·8	75·6	79·48
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	95	...	95	79	...	79	76	...	76	96·2	...	96·2
Royal Blind Asylum, ...	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
Total,	682	316	998	557	249	806	482	202	684	86·5	81·1	84·86
Corresponding period last session 5 Schools, ...	702	547	1249	595	371	966	508	320	828	85·37	86·25	85·71

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on* 21*st April* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	318	286	...	5	8	2
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	329	298	...	1	8	6
3. High School Yards, .	330	325	291	...	5	9	...
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	316	291	...	8	8	...
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	320	293	...	5	7	9
6. Brown Square, . .	240	236	213	...	9	10	13
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	341	326	...	7	5	2
8. Broughton, . . .	250	250	231	...	5	7	16
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	320	290	...	6	8	1
10. Davie Street, . .	320	321	299	...	4	6	3
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	287	276	...	2	3	9
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	333	315	...	3	5	15
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	186	172	...	1	7	9
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	170	155	...	...	7	1
15. Broughton, . . .	160	139	128	...	2	5	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	185	155	...	...	7	1
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	173	154	...	1	9	10
18. Davie Street, . .	180	182	160	...	...	11	18
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	160	135	...	...	10	...
	4939	4891	4468	...	64	7	115

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Five Weeks ending 1st May 1879.*

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Five Weeks ending 1st May 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. New Street, ...	77	53	35	66·03
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	63	57	49	85·96
TOTAL (Male and Female), . .	140	110	84	76·36

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 9th JUNE 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 9th day of June* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M.:

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	PROFESSOR DUFF.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	BAILIE TAWSE.
Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.	Miss PHŒBE BLYTH.
Rev. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.	Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.
Dr. HARVEY.	

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting of the Board were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of meeting with Defaulting Parents, held in North Canongate School, on 31st ult., were approved.

Dr. Scott read the following Report of the School Management Committee :—

REPORT OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from the Secretary of the Endowed Institutions Commission, with reference to Petitions by the Governors of Heriot's Trust and Robertson's Trustees; also a letter from the Rector of the High School, enclosing a representation which the Masters of the High School propose to submit to the Commission. The Committee resolved that the Board should take no action in reference to these matters.

The Committee considered the remit of the Board in regard to special instruction in the Schools on health, temperance, conduct, and social economy. The Committee do not consider that anything further is at present necessary, than to renew the instructions to the teachers issued by the Board in April 1875 and January 1877.

The Committee having considered the estimates for the various works at Lothian Road School, recommended for acceptance by the Committee on Building, agreed to accept the following estimates :—

Joiner Work,	J. Saunders,	.	£1447 0 0
Plumber ,,	A. Grieve,	.	340 0 0
Slater ,,	Thos. Lamb,	.	141 9 0
Plasterer ,,	W. Baird,	.	228 0 0
Smith ,,	Forrest,	.	300 10 6
Concrete ,,	Stuart and Co.,	.	135 0 0

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The Committee remitted to the Convener of the Building Committee to inquire regarding the offerers for the mason-work, with powers to accept the lowest estimate, or any other he may consider preferable.

The Committee agreed to send the plans, specifications, and estimates of the School to the Scotch Education Department.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

Mr. M'Kenzie moved, and Professor Duff seconded, the approval of the Report. The Report was approved.

Professor Crum Brown reported that he had accepted the estimate of Messrs. Galloway and Mackintosh, amounting to £3300, for the mason-work of Lothian Road School. The estimates now accepted for this School are the following, viz. :—

For Mason Work,	Galloway and Mackintosh,	£3300	0	0
„ Joiner „	John Saunders, . .	1447	0	0
„ Plumber „	A. Grieve, . . .	340	0	0
„ Slater „	Thos. Lamb, . . .	141	9	0
„ Plasterer „	W. Baird, . . .	228	0	0
„ Smith „	J. Forrest, . . .	300	10	6
„ Concrete „	Stuart and Co., . .	135	0	0
		£5891	19	6

Mr. Adamson gave notice of the following motion for next meeting: —"That the Instructions on Training of Scholars, issued to the Teachers by the Board in 1875 and 1877, be sent to the School Management Committee, to consider the same before they be again issued."

Professor Crum Brown read the following Report of the Committee on Building :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee had under consideration a remit of the School Management Committee regarding the estimates for Lothian Road School, and agreed to recommend to the Committee to accept the following, viz. :—

For Mason Work,	Peter Sinclair, . . .	£3870	0	0
„ Joiner „	John Saunders, . .	1447	0	0
„ Plumber „	A. Grieve, . . .	340	0	0
„ Slater „	Thos. Lamb, . . .	141	9	0
„ Plasterer „	W. Baird, . . .	228	0	0
„ Smith „	J. Forrest, . . .	300	10	6
„ Concrete „	Stuart and Co., . .	135	0	0
		£6461	19	6

ALEXANDER CRUM BROWN, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

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Mr. Brown Douglas read the Report of the Committee on High School, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee having considered the communication of 22d February last from Scotch Education Department, are of opinion that the examination of the High School should this year be conducted as it was last year, and that the Clerk be instructed to inform the Department that the Board adheres, in the meantime, to their previous letter of 21st February, but that they will be prepared to reconsider that decision when the Department has matured a plan for the inspection of Higher Class Schools in Scotland.

The Committee have to submit the following Report prepared by Mr. Dickson, on the Manuscripts and printed papers of Dr. Adam, formerly Rector of the High School:—

These were presented to the Town-Council for the benefit of the High School by the Rector's son, Dr. Walter Adam, on 31st July 1840.

The documents consist chiefly of the MSS. of the original editions, and corrected proofs of later editions of Dr. Adam's Grammar, Geography, Roman Antiquities, and Classical Geography. As these books, though much approved at one time, have now been superseded by others, the MSS. referred to are not now of much value or interest. There are in some of the parcels interesting letters respecting them from classical scholars of the period, such as Lempriere, Valpy, Mavor, Vincent, Doig, Dymock, etc.

The other papers may be classed as follows:—

1. Letters and papers respecting the Schoolmasters' Widows' Fund, of which Dr. Adam was one of the founders.

2. Laws and lists of members, and minutes of the Newtonian Society, founded in 1760 by Dr. Adam, then a student. This Society, we learn from Smellie's *Memoirs*, developed ere long into the Philosophical Society, from which sprang the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Among the members were the following students afterwards distinguished:—Samuel Charteris of Wilton; Henry Hunter of London Wall, the eminent theologian and friend of Lavater; William Smellie, the printer and naturalist.

3. Theses and other interesting pamphlets. There are the printed theses for the Faculty of Advocates of the following, among other, distinguished pupils of the High School, viz., Walter Scott, 1792; Henry Peter Brougham, 1800; Francis Jeffrey, 1794; George Ross, 1797; Charles Hope, 1784.

4. MS. Lectures on Composition by Professor Leechman, Glasgow, 1755, which are not known to have been published.

5. Note-books containing the names of boys attending the various classes in the High School from 1768 to 1807, and small amounts paid, probably for the library and for coals. These appear to have been examined by Dr. Steven when preparing his History of the High School, or for a new edition of it which he had in contemplation. Curiously enough the boys are arranged alphabetically, not by their last, but by their first names. Another peculiarity is apparent, and which I have found existing in the books of the School as late as 1820,

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namely, that boys of the higher social position in the School, among others several peers and peers' sons, are entered as paying the double of the ordinary fee or charge.

5. Dr. Adam was evidently a believer in corporal punishment, though contemporaries say that he was milder in punishing than some of the other teachers, such as Luke Fraser and William Nicol of "peck o' maut" celebrity. There are three pairs of taws carefully preserved, which may be described as of primary, secondary, and tertiary formation. The descriptions given of the High School boys of the period by Sir Walter Scott, Lord Cockburn, and others, in their interesting reminiscences lead one to believe that such educational helps were neither needless nor useless.

6. Dr. Adam's diploma, dated 9th August 1780, signed by Principal Robertson, and Professors Munro, Black, Cullen, Gregory, Blair, Dugald Stewart, and other eminent professors of the time.

7. I have found some curious and interesting notes and letters from parents of boys, these having been afterwards used for classical memoranda by the Rector. The following is an example :—

"Mr. Brougham's best compliments to Dr. Adam, and requests the favour of him to excuse Henry's absence yesterday, as he was not well."

"Mr. Brougham's compliments to Dr. Adam, and shall be glad of his company to-morrow to partake of a Cumberland goose at four o'clock. If Wednesday should be more convenient, as Mrs. Brougham says the goose will keep another day, Mr. B. begs Dr. Adam will say so.

"George Street, *Monday.*"

8. School exercises by Charles Hope, Francis Jeffrey, Henry Cockburn, Vandaleur, Robert Dundas Lord Melville, Lord Strathmore, and others, afterwards distinguished.

Dr. Adam was elected Head-master of George Watson's Hospital in 1760, when he was only nineteen or twenty years of age. He had charge of the Rector's class in the High School in 1765, and was appointed Rector in 1768. There are several papers connected with George Watson's Hospital, such as, among others, specimens of writing by William Fettes, founder of Fettes College, and of John Horner, father of Francis and Leonard Horner. Fettes and Horner were admitted to Watson's Hospital on 3d April 1760. Some of these exercises might be presented to the Governors of Fettes and Watson's Institutions, who would no doubt value them.

I have been kindly assisted in my examination of the papers by Mr. Robert Adam, City Chamberlain of Edinburgh, grand-nephew of the illustrious Rector.

DAVID DICKSON.

Edinburgh, 15*th March* 1879.

The Committee recommend that these documents be placed in a glass case in the library, and that the thanks of the Board be offered to Mr. Dickson, for the trouble and interest he has taken in connection with this matter.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. Richard Keys, Assistant to the French Master, and agreed to pay him the sum of £5 as salary up to 13th June.

The Committee recommend that Mr. M'Donald be appointed Assistant to the French Master till the end of the session, in room of Mr. Keys.

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The Committee submit to the Board an appeal by the Rector and Masters of the High School, in regard to the payments made out of the High School Fund for repairs on the School since 1873.

The Committee recommend that the school be closed for the summer holidays on Thursday, 24th July.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from Mr. Fairweather, C.E., Teacher of Civil and Mining Engineering in the Royal High School, asking the Board to allow a small fixed salary for his class. The Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Board to accede to this request.

F. BROWN DOUGLAS, *Convener.*

Mr. Brown Douglas moved, and Professor Duff seconded, that the Report be adopted, and that the Appeal of the Rector and Masters of the High School, referred to in the Report, be remitted to the School Management Committee for further consideration, and to report. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had under consideration the question of the Salaries of the Teachers, but are not prepared to report to this meeting.

The Committee request the Board to give them authority to make the necessary arrangements for holding an Examination of Candidates for Pupil Teacherships.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report of the Committee on School Attendance :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee authorised a meeting with defaulting parents, to be held in North Canongate School on Saturday, the 31st May, and remitted to the Convener to revise the list of cases to be summoned before the Board.

The Committee agreed to ask the teachers to send, as far as practicable, notice of absence of children from school to their parents.

The Committee agreed to instruct the Compulsory Officer to send intimation to the parents of children under 13 years of age, allowed to attend Evening Classes, and whose attendance is irregular, that this privilege is withdrawn from them.

The Committee have to report that after conference with the Parochial Boards of the City Parish and St. Cuthbert's and Canongate Combination, in regard to the efficient education of neglected and destitute children, they have agreed with the Committees of those Boards to the following clause for insertion in the Poor Law Amendment Bill now before Parliament :—

"When a Parent or other Guardian of a child has been convicted on one occasion of neglecting the education of his child, the Sheriff in a Burgh, or Justice of the Peace in a County, may, on any subsequent

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conviction, after due notice has been given to the Inspector of the Parochial Board, order the child to be sent to the Parochial Board of the Parish in which he resides, to be detained by them for the time specified in the Order, not exceeding sixty days, the Court at the same time ordering the Parent or Guardian of the child to pay to the Parochial Board such sum as is named in the Order, and further, in the event of such parent failing to pay the sum so found due, he shall be deemed a vagabond in terms of the Act 8 and 9 Victoria, Cap. 83, entituled 'An Act for the Amendment and Better Administration of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in Scotland,' and Act therein referred to, and be liable to be punished accordingly, and the Parochial Board shall detain the child for the time specified in the Order, during which they shall provide for his maintenance and efficient education, either by sending the child to a convenient School, or by otherwise providing such education as is in accordance with the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872 and 1878."

The Committee recommend the Board to lay this clause before the Lord Advocate, and to ask for its insertion in the Bill. The Committee are however of opinion that the clause will not by any means secure the education of all the children of the neglected and destitute class, but they recommend the Board to support it as being valuable so far as it goes. Such a clause will probably meet as many cases of educational neglect as it is reasonable to expect can be met by the provisions of a Poor Law Act.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

Miss Stevenson moved, and Dr. Harvey seconded, the adoption of the Report. The Report was approved.

Report by the Compulsory Officer and by the Parochial Boards on the cases of Neglected and Destitute Children, and the state of their Education, was laid upon the Table. (For Report see Appendix No. VI.)

The Board agreed to supply copies of the Report to the newspapers, and to request them not to publish the names and addresses of the parties reported upon.

Bailie Tawse read the following Report of the Committee on Finance:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee had before them an Abstract of the Expenditure of the Board for the year ending 15th May 1879, under the following heads:—

Repayment of Loan, . . .	£5,709 7 6
Expenses of Board, including Office, etc., .	3,137 19 11½
Expenses of Elementary Schools, . .	16,777 11 7½
Expenses of High School Examination, .	29 8 0
Election expenses, ...	1,318 11 5
Interest on overdraft on Bank Account, .	143 17 10
Erection of New Writing Class-room at High School, ...	35 11 2
	£27,152 7 6

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The Committee had also before them the following statement of Income for the past year :—

School Fees,	£4,201	1	1
Grants,	6,214	6	0
Rate,	16,578	7	10
Fines recovered,	23	15	6
Amount advanced for erection of New Writing Class-room at High School, repaid by Loan,	1,735	0	0
Miscellaneous Receipts,	5	7	8
	£28,757	18	1

The Committee had also before them an estimated Expenditure for 1879-1880, amounting to £26,932, 0s. 1d., made up as follows :—

Repayment of Loans,	£6,482	0	1
Expenses of Board, including Office,	3,100	0	0
Expense of Elementary Schools,	17,200	0	0
Expense of High School Examination,	30	0	0
Interest on Bank Account,	120	0	0
	£26,932	0	1

The Committee anticipated that the following Income may be received from Fees and Grants for 1879-1880.

From Fees,	£4,300	0	0
Grants,	5,750	0	0
Fines,	10	0	0
Leaving Balance of, to be provided by Assessment.	£16,872	0	0

The Committee had also before them the assessable rentals from each of the parishes of the School district for last year, and the mode of levying the Assessment followed in each parish.

The Committee, after consideration, agreed to recommend the Board that, in order to meet the different modes of assessment in the various parishes in the Edinburgh School Board District, the following rates as the School Rate to be laid on and collected as School Rate along with their several assessments for the relief of the poor for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, viz. :—

City Parish,	3d. p. £.
St. Cuthbert's and Canongate Parishes,	3d. „
South Leith Parish,	3d. „
North Leith Parish,	3d. „
Duddingston Parish,	3d. „
Liberton Parish,	3d. „

and that a certificate to that effect be sent to the Boards of each of the parishes.

The Committee authorised the transfer from Rates to the Income of the following schools, the following sums, viz. :—To Holyrood, £80, 13s. 3d.; Dean, £328, 19s. 8½d.; Deanhaugh Street, £177, 1s. 5½d.; Leith Walk, £844, 14s. 5½d.; and West Fountainbridge, £648, 4s. 1d.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to send the election expenses account and relative vouchers to Mr. Bain, accountant to the Scotch Education Department.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

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It was moved, seconded, and agreed that, in terms of the Report, the Board agree to certify to the respective Parochial Boards the rate on each pound of rental necessary to be laid on and collected as School rate for the year from Whitsunday 1879, and instruct the Clerk to forward to the respective Parochial Boards the following certificate of the amount of rate to be so laid on and collected by them respectively, viz:—

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of the City of Edinburgh:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Parish of the City of Edinburgh, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Combined Parishes of St. Cuthbert's and Canongate:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Combined Parishes of St. Cuthbert's and Canongate, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said combined parishes, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Leith:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Leith, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of North Leith:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Parish of North Leith, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of the Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of Duddingston:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Parish

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of Duddingston, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of Liberton:

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certify to the Parochial Board of the Parish of Liberton, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1879 to Whitsunday 1880, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

Miss Stevenson reported that, since last meeting of the Board, 18 children under 13 years of age applied and were examined for admission to Evening Classes. Of these, 6 were passed, 4 refused, 3 delayed, and in the cases of 5, which the Committee were unable to pass, it was agreed to allow them to attend an Evening Class in the meantime.

The Clerk read the following Report by Mr. Wilson, the Architect, on School (St. Leonard's) in course of erection:—

REPORT BY MR. WILSON ON ST. LEONARD'S SCHOOL, IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

In regard to the new St. Leonard's School, I have to report that the Contractor is engaged in putting on the roofing.

ROBT. WILSON.

Professor Duff read Report of the Special Committee on Temporary Accommodation in Abbeyhill and Lawnmarket Districts:—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION FOR ABBEY HILL AND LAWNMARKET DISTRICTS OF THE CITY.

The Committee are of opinion that, the Board having resolved to erect a school to accommodate 500 children in the Abbey Hill district, it is necessary to make temporary provision in the district for the children residing in it. The Committee are of opinion that this can best be done by opening a temporary school for Juveniles and Infants in the district. In the event of suitable and convenient temporary accommodation for Juveniles and Infants being secured, the Infant Department of Holyrood School can be closed at the end of the present session.

The Committee accordingly agreed to recommend that, in the event of the above opinions being adopted by the Board, the necessary arrangements be made to carry them into effect at the beginning of next session.

The Committee are of opinion that additional school accommodation is needed for the Lawnmarket district.

DAVID DUFF, *Convener.*

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Professor Duff moved, and Mr. M'Kenzie seconded, that the Report be adopted, and that it be remitted to the Committee to inquire regarding temporary suitable accommodation in Abbeyhill District.

Miss Blyth read Report of Special Committee on mode of election of teachers :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE MODE OF ELECTING TEACHERS.

The Committee to whom it was remitted to consider the mode of electing teachers, have no *radical* change to propose, but submit to the Board two points on which they propose to make modifications.

1*st*. That the short leet should be limited to a smaller number than has hitherto been the practice, say to three or four.

2*d*. That after the short leet is made, an interval of time should be allowed to pass, sufficient to admit of gaining further information regarding the individuals on the leet before they are summoned to meet the Board.

The Committee had under consideration the question of a Sub-Committee either to make the short leet or to make the election from it after the leet has been made by the Board, but no decision was come to on that point.

PHŒBE BLYTH, *Convener*.

Miss Blyth moved, and Professor Duff seconded, the approval of the Report. Mr. Adamson moved, and Bailie Tawse seconded, that the Report be not approved. For the approval of the Report there voted—Miss Blyth, Professor Duff, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Smith, Mr. Williamson. For Mr. Adamson's amendment there voted—Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour, and Bailie Tawse. Dr. Scott, Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Brown Douglas, and Miss Stevenson did not vote. The Report was adopted. Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour and Bailie Tawse dissented from this finding.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid upon the table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending May 24, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending May 24, ...		2180
Of the above number there are :—		
Dead, ...	7	
Above age, ...	53	
Incurable, ...	2	
Left the City, ...	82	
Removed to other parts of the City, . .	83	
Gone to School, ...	1455	
Absent through Temporary Causes, . .	498	
	——	2180

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Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—

Refractory,			4
Sick,			272
Wanting Clothing,			10
Unable to pay Fees,			12
Considered too young,			4
Absent from want of Accommodation,			3
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon,	Fault of Parents, 169 Fault of Children, 24		193
			498

N.B.—Of the 498 Absent, 287 are returned over seven years of age, and 211 under seven.

Of the 272 returned Sick, 27 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough, and 9 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
Edinburgh, *June* 3, 1879.

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 3d May 1879, and not disposed of in previous report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—9 Parents with 11 Children; of whom there are now regular at school 7; left town 1; not sent to school 3. Total, ... 11

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—5 Parents with 5 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 3; not sent to school 2. Total, ... 5

To be—

Delayed.—3 Parents with 4 children; there are now regular at school 2; sick 1; above age 1. Total, . . . 4

Total, . . . 20

Return of Defaulting Parents summoned before the School Board on the 3d May 1879.

To be—

Prosecuted.—9 Parents with 11 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 1; not sent to School 10. Total, 11

Carry forward, 11

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	Brought forward,	11
To be—		
Prosecuted Conditionally.—15 parents with 22 children; of whom there are now regular at School 18—not sent 4. Total, ...		22
To be—		
Delayed.—17 Parents with 19 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 15; not sent 1; sick 3. Total, .		19
TOTAL, . . .		52

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
3d June 1879.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 9th May 1879 and 3d June 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	31	
„ irregular, ...	22	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	10	
„ sick, ...	2	
„ left town, ...	1	
„ gone to Day-school, . . .	1	
	—	67
Girls regular, ...	26	
„ irregular, ...	10	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	4	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ left town, ...	2	
	—	43
Total, . .		110

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows:—

Girls regular, ...	5	
„ irregular, ...	2	
„ above age, ...	1	
	—	8
Total, .		8

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th June 1879.

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The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid upon the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 7 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 30th May 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 30th May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	7106	4700	11,806	6243	2920	9163	5220	2460	7680	83·61	84·24	83·81
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	1929	1364	3,293	1312	783	2095	1115	558	1673	84·22	71·26	79·71
7 Non-Board Schools, . .	910	936	1,846	740	691	1431	618	521	1134	82·83	75·39	79·24
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4869	..	..	4533	..	..	93·09
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for Young Men, . . .	..	..	87	..	..	62	..	..	34	..	..	54·83
1 for Young Women, . .	..	..	75	..	..	51	..	..	42	..	..	82·35

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Clerk laid upon the table the Return of Attendance in Elementary Schools in Edinburgh in March 1879, together with the following Abstract of Attendance at the Elementary Schools during the month of March in each of the years 1873 to 1879 inclusive :—

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ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Elementary Schools (Schools with a Fee of not more than 9d. per week) in Edinburgh, during the month of March in each year since the commencement of the operation of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number of Children who have attended School for whatever length of time, since School opened in Autumn till following March, . .	30,156	30,602	32,751	31,845	32,756	33,458	33,737
Average Number on Roll during March, .	25,792	24,257	25,922	25,627	25,618	26,111	27,125
Average Attendance during March, . .	not given.	19,574	20,972	20,368	21,619	22,168	23,256
Percentage of Attendances, ...	,,	80·69	80·90	79·47	84·38	84·89	85·73

It was agreed to close the Elementary Schools for the holidays on the 16th, 17th, and 18th July, and to open them on Monday, September 1st.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to consider the list of Candidates for the situation of Infant Mistress of New Street School, with powers to call a Special Meeting of the Board to choose a leet. It was agreed to make the appointment at the Ordinary Meeting of the Board on 14th July.

PRIVATE.

It was remitted to the visitors of Dean, Deanhaugh Street, and St. Leonard's Schools, with the Lady Members of the Board, to report regarding the sewing instruction in these schools.

The following Lady Managers were appointed, viz.:—To Dean School, Miss Anderson, Grosvenor Street, and Miss B. Simpson, 10 Eton Terrace. To Deanhaugh Street School, Miss Sawers. To Dalry School, Mrs. Trayner, Moray Place, and Mrs. Dingwall Fordyce, Palmerston Place. To West Fountainbridge School, Miss Smith, Linkvale Lodge, Viewforth, and Mrs. Lees, 12 Morningside Place.

The Clerk was directed to instruct Mr. Wilson, Architect, to proceed with the works of Lothian Road School without waiting for the approval of the plans, specification, etc., by the Scotch Education Department.

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It was agreed, subject to the approval of the Rector and Masters of the High School, to give the use of one of the class-rooms of the school to the Local Association of teachers in connection with the Educational Institute of Scotland in which to hold their Meetings.

Read letter from Mr. Swanston, of North Canongate School, making a representation on behalf of the Head Masters of the Board's Elementary Schools regarding the system of giving prizes and the fees charged in the schools. The letter was remitted to the School Work Committee to consider and report.

The Clerk intimated that he had engaged temporarily Mr. Samuel Neil to take charge of the classes taught by Dr. Robertson, Head Master of West Fountainbridge School, during the time Dr. Robertson was off duty through illness in his family.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 30th May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 30th May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	795	428	1223	698	266	964	590	228	818	84·5	85·7	84·85
Causewayside,	534	393	927	531	203	734	464	194	658	87·3	95·5	89·64
Dalry,	727	547	1274	755	252	1007	619	203	822	81·9	80·5	81·62
Dean,	273	211	484	262	139	401	221	117	338	84·3	84·1	84·28
Deanhaugh Street,	239	181	420	192	140	332	147	112	259	76·5	80·	78·
Holyrood,	,,	286	286	,,	170	170	,,	129	129	,,	75·88	75·88
Leith Walk,	1041	475	1516	795	386	1181	642	323	965	80·7	83·6	81·71
New Street,	831	519	1350	846	138	984	672	109	781	79·4	78·9	79·36
North Canongate,	498	169	667	413	131	544	318	102	420	76·9	77·8	77·2
Roseburn,	23	107	130	47	58	105	40	50	90	85·1	86·2	85·71
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	414	235	649	376	195	571	90·8	82·9	87·98
Stockbridge,	575	330	905	487	279	766	443	243	686	90·9	87·	89·55
West Fountainbridge,	729	463	1192	626	379	1005	550	327	877	87·8	86·2	87·26
West Port,	276	232	508	177	144	321	138	128	266	77·9	88·8	85·98
TOTAL,	7106	4700	11806	6243	2920	9163	5220	2460	7680	83·61	84·24	83·81
Corresponding period last Session,	7094	5076	12170	5674	3391	9065	4693	2685	7378	82·71	79·18	81·38

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 30th May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 30th May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	203	280	483	149	174	323	135	137	272	96·	78·7	84·21
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	270	...	270	208	...	208	170	...	170	81·73	...	81·73
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls, .	261	...	261	208	...	208	198	...	198	94·9	...	94·9
,, ,, Infants,	...	399	399	...	201	201	...	193	193	...	96·01	96·01
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	430	...	430	212	...	212	175	...	175	82·54	...	82·54
,, ,, Infants,	...	497	497	...	254	254	...	137	137	...	53·93	53·93
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	408	...	408	236	...	236	197	...	197	83·47	...	83·47
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	188	...	188	152	...	152	119	...	119	78·28	...	78·28
,, ,, Girls, .	169	...	169	147	...	147	121	...	121	82·31	...	82·31
,, ,, Infants, .	...	188	188	...	154	154	...	91	91	...	59·09	59·09
TOTAL,	1929	1364	3293	1312	783	2095	1115	558	1673	84·22	71 26	79·71
Corresponding period last Session (for four Schools only),	887	297	1184	573	178	751	474	123	597	82·72	69·1	79·49

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 30th May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 30th May 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	148	188	336	128	140	268	110	120	230	85·9	85·7	85·82
Canongate Society, ...	151	...	151	106	...	106	89	...	89	83·96	...	83·96
Fountainbridge, F.C., . . .	254	146	400	201	118	319	155	90	245	77·1	76·2	76·8
Pleasance Territorial, Infants, . .	...	265	265	...	193	193	...	141	141	...	73·05	73·05
Trinity Episcopal, ...	207	337	544	179	240	419	135	170	305	75·3	70·4	72·78
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	97	...	97	76	...	76	74	...	74	97·35	...	97·35
Royal Blind Asylum, . . .	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
TOTAL,	910	936	1846	740	691	1431	613	521	1134	82·83	75·39	79·24
Corresponding period last Session for six Schools, ...	883	1071	1954	660	693	1353	514	547	1061	77·87	78·93	78·41

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th May* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	318	287	...	6	9	...
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	325	302	...	8	7	1
3. High School Yards, .	330	325	292	...	4	9	...
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	312	287	...	7	9	...
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	320	295	...	11	6	...
6. Brown Square, . .	240	232	211	...	4	9	12
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	335	323	...	3	4	2
8. Broughton, . . .	250	250	229	...	6	7	8
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	320	303	...	6	4	3
10. Davie Street, . .	320	321	307	...	3	4	3
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	286	281	...	3	2	13
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	331	309	...	8	6	8
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	187	175	...	...	6	9
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	170	162	...	1	4	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	140	130	...	2	6	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	185	168	...	...	8	...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	174	161	...	...	6	10
18. Davie Street, . .	180	181	165	...	2	8	17
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	157	146	...	3	10	...
	4939	4869	4533	...	77	7	86

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Four Weeks ending 29th May* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in March last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 29th May 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. New Street, ...	87	62	34	54·83
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	75	51	42	82·35
TOTAL (Male and Female), . .	162	113	76	67·25

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APPENDIX VI.

REPORT BY THE COMPULSORY OFFICER OF THE BOARD ON CASES OF NEGLECTED AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN, AS TAKEN FROM THE OFFICER'S BOOKS AT DATE MARCH 1ST, 1879, WHEN THE CASES WERE SUBMITTED FOR INVESTIGATION TO THE PAROCHIAL BOARDS OF THE CITY AND ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISHES. THE REPORT CONTAINS THE RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION MADE BY THE PAROCHIAL BOARDS, AND A REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN.

CASES REFERRED TO THE CITY PAROCHIAL BOARD FOR INVESTIGATION.

CLASS I.

TRUANT AND REFRACTORY CHILDREN, whose Parents are able, and in many cases willing, to provide Education for them, and to pay for it.

Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
1. D. DRYBOROUGH, 11 James' Court, stepfather to the boy William Haite, aged 11 years, was before the Board in March 1878 and January 1879, sent to the Sheriff 24th January 1879, and fined 10s., and 20s. of expenses. Boy has no education, and parents say that he is quite beyond control, and on the verge of crime.	1. D. D.—Officer, Tolbooth Parish Church, very respectable; rent, £17, also keeps lodgers. One girl, aged 14 years, in Industrial School for not attending school. Total income, 22s. 6d.
2. T. FOSTER, 28 Stevenlaw's Close. — Robert, aged 12 years, was before the Board in April 1878, sent to the Sheriff, fined 10s., and 20s. expenses. The boy may be said to have no education, and only attended school for a few days during the last twelve months. Father very intemperate; mother seems sober and industrious; was before the Board on the 3d of May, and ordered to be prosecuted.	2. T. F. — Drunken coal-porter; does not attend to his boy. Mother wishes him sent to a Reformatory. Total income, 15s.

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Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
3 J. Whitecross, 11 Stevenlaw's Close.—William, aged 11 years. Both parents are intemperate, and neglect their family; the boy has little or no education. Was before the Board, and also before the Sheriff, January 1878 and February 1878, and dismissed with an admonition, as he stated that his boy was beyond control.	3. J. W.—Cabman, drunken, and neglects his children. Total income, 16s.
4. P. M'Kenna, 10 Dickson's Close.—Peter, aged 11 years. Father of this family intemperate, and seldom lives with his wife, was before the Board on five different occasions. [The boy has since been taken up by the police for theft, and sentenced 5 years to an Industrial School.]	4. P. M'K.—Left this address. Boy said to have been sentenced for theft.
5 A. Law, 18 Blackfriars' Street.—William, aged 11 years. The father of this boy stated that he could not get his boy to attend school; the boy has little education. Father before the Board on 8th February 1879, before the Sheriff on 7th of March, and sent to prison for 8 days. The family seems to be respectable.	5. A. L.—Labourer with Mr. W. Mackenzie; a Good Templar; said to have been unemployed for a time; able to feed. Sent to prison 8 days for neglecting education of children. Total income, 25s.
6. B. O'Mailley, 18 Blackfriars' Street.—Patrick, aged 12 years. This woman was before the Board November 1878, and before the Sheriff in December 1878; case was delayed. The boy has only been a few days at school, and his name is not on any school-roll. Mother quite careless about her boy's education. [The boy has since been taken up by the Police for theft, and sentenced to an Industrial School for five years.]	6. B. O'M.—This Board has always offered to take this family into the Poorhouse, as the mother is bad, and the family are following her. Earnings sufficient to support; besides, John, aged 17 years, said to be idle. Total income, 17s.
7. P. Lannan, 52 Blackfriars' Street.—John, aged 10 years. The father of this boy seems quite indifferent about his education; states that he is not able to keep him at school; boy has no education, constantly running the streets, keeps bad company. Father before the Board November 1878, and ordered to be prosecuted; prosecution delayed, as the boy got his leg broken and was sent to the Infirmary.	7. P. L.—A scavenger, lives with his sister, and pays no rent. Son, Patrick, aged 14 years, said to be idle. Neighbours think he should be compelled to support his family, and send them to school. Total income, 22s. 6d.
8. Mrs. Meachan, 54 Cowgate.—John Barker, aged 9 years. This boy lives with his grandmother, who seems to take no interest whatever in the boy's education; is constantly on the street selling papers; he has no	8. Mrs. M.—(For grandchild) John Barker, aged 9 years, son of Bernard Barker, labourer. It is said that this boy supports himself and grandmother by

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Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
education. His mother lives in the Cowgate, and is considered one of the worst characters in that locality. Grandmother before the Board in March 1877.	selling papers. If so, he surely deserves a better fate than a day Industrial School. He is deserted by his mother.
9. J. CARRIGAN, 106 Cowgate.—John, aged 12 years. Mother of this boy was before the Board in November 1878. Boy had been sent to work, and only passed First Standard. Mother pled poverty, and wished her boy sent to an evening-school. The case was delayed with the view of having the boy examined for evening-school. The boy left his home; was away for several weeks.	9. J. C.—Said to be very decent, apparently quite able to feed this one child. Total income 23s. 6d.
10. P. FITZPATRICK, 324 Cowgate.—John Simmons, aged 11 years. Fitzpatrick is stepfather to this family, does little or nothing for their support; he leaves the family for weeks at a time. The mother deserted the family some time ago, and went away with Fitzpatrick to Dundee; the children were sent to the poorhouse. None of the children have any education; they received food and clothing from the Association January 1878. The stepfather was sent 20 days to prison for ill-using his wife in February 1878.	10. P. F.—Neighbours think if this man had work he would feed the family. The children are the wife's by a former husband; she deserted them and married Fitzpatrick, then returned and took them out of the Poorhouse. Unemployed. Total income, 6s.
11. PATRICK DIVIT, Dyer's Close.—Patrick, aged 11 years. Parents are very careless about the education of their family. Two have been sent to the United Industrial School. Patrick is only in the First Standard. Father was before the Board in March 1878, sent to the Sheriff, fined 5s., and 10s. expenses; was again before the Board in November 1878, sent to the Sheriff December 1878, sentenced to 8 days' imprisonment. Little or no improvement in the boy's attendance at school.	11. P. D.—A labourer or coal-porter, said to be decent. Boy, Hugh, aged 17 years, was, or is, in Dalbeath Reformatory; Catherine, aged 16 years, can't say where; Patrick, aged 11 years, wild. Neighbours think this man can support his family. Got 8 days' imprisonment in December last for neglecting education of children. Neighbours consider it would not be right for this man to get help.
12. E. M'LUSKY, 10 Brown Square.—Thomas, aged 9 years. This woman was before the Board in March 1877, March 1878, July 1878, January 1879; before the Sheriff July 1878. The case was departed from with the view of having the boy sent to some Institution. Reported to the parish of South Leith; Inspector offered to take the boy into the House. Mother refuses to allow him to go, but is willing to send him to an Indus-	12. E. M'L.—This woman appears to be understating the earnings of her family:—Helen, aged 16, tobacconist, 3s. 6d; John, telegraph boy, 3s. This will be likely one-half. Total income, 10s. 6d.

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Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
trial School. Boy has no education whatever, and has only been a few days at school this session. She was again before the Board on 3d May 1879, and ordered to be prosecuted with the view of compelling her to allow the boy to go to the Poorhouse.	
13. J. Monaghan, 20 Guthrie Street.—John, aged 9 years. Father of this boy has no house of his own; lives with his son-in-law. Boy has little or no education, and has only attended school a few days this session. Was before the Board in January 1879, also before the Sheriff in March 1879, and fined 5s., and 20s. of expenses. Boy would not settle at school; when living in Fleshmarket Close he sent his children to United Industrial School, as day-scholars, and paid 2s. 6d. a week each for them.	13. J. M.—Scavenger, a widower; thought decent. Neighbours think he could support his boy without help. He pays 2s. 6d. a week for another in the United Industrial School. Boy, John, unmanageable. Wants him sent to an Industrial School. Total income, 21s.
14. John Boreland, 8 Cowgate.—John, aged 11 years; Robert, aged 7 years. Father of this family was before the Board in June 1876, March 1878, February 1879; and before the Sheriff March 1878, fined 5s., and 10s. expenses. Children have little or no education. John in the Second Standard, Robert in the First. Both parents are intemperate, and the children very much neglected.	14. J. B.—Not found.
15. A. Cunningham, 12 Grassmarket.—John, aged 10 years. This woman was before the Board in January 1876, February 1878, and February 1879; and before the Sheriff in February 1877, March 1877, April 1877, February 1878, March 1878, June 1878. On each occasion the case was delayed to give her an opportunity to keep the boy regular at school. There is no improvement in the boy's attendance. He does not know the letters of the alphabet.	15. A. C.—Said to be a decent woman. Second husband has deserted her. Appears not to have enough when Thomas is idle; Thomas, aged 16 years. Total income, 6s. 6d.
16. Bridget Flacherty, *alias* Catherine Nugent Flacherty, 9 Cowgate.—Hugh, aged 12 years. This woman was before the Board in March 1875, November 1875, March 1876, and January 1877. The boy has little or no education. Case was sent to the Sheriff in March 1876, when mother proved to the satisfaction of the Sheriff that the boy was beyond her control. He granted warrant for the boy to be sent to the United Industrial School until he attained the age of 16 years. The	16. B. F., *alias* C. N. F.—This is a clever, active, well-doing woman, and her own and family's earnings are quite sufficient to support them. She however would take as much money or help from others as she can get. Total income, 24s. 11d.

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Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
authorities of the Industrial School refused to admit him as he was sent under the 16th Sect. of the "Industrial Schools Act, 1866." The boy has been running about neglected ever since.	
17. H. Ferguson, 10 Jamaica Street.—Margaret, aged 10 years. Father of this family was before the Board in December 1874, January 1875, and December 1875. His wife has been dead for some years; the children have been very much neglected. One of his boys, 11 years of age, was sent under warrant to Ramsay Lane Industrial School in November 1876. The girl Margaret seems to be going in the same direction. She has very little education, and will not settle at school, as there is no one to look after her when her father is at his work.	17. H. F.—A butcher; wages stated are less than they have been in consequence of a recent reduction. Total income, 36s.
18. G. Fraser, 4 Greenside Lane.—Thomas, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in January 1879. The boy is so irregular at school that he receives no education whatever; he is generally absent 3 or 4 days in each week. When before the Board the case was delayed, as the family was in poverty.	18. G. F.—A tailor; has been unemployed, but when employed quite able and willing to attend to his family. Total income, 36s.
19. G. Forrest, 4 Stanley Place.—George, aged 12 years. This boy only made 21 days' attendance at school from September 1878 to March 1879. He has little or no education. The father was before the Board in February 1879 and in March 1879, and before the Sheriff March 1879. Case delayed till April 1879. [Boy's attendance somewhat improved.]	19. G. F.—Boy George was irregular; School Board threatened; he is now regular. Can support his family. Total income, 18s.
20. W. Hamilton, 2 Fountain Close.—John, aged 7 years. This man was before the Board on November 1874, and before the Sheriff in January 1875. One of his boys was sent to the "Mars" Ship, who is at present at home. He was again before the Board in May 1875. Met with an accident and was a long time in the Infirmary. Both parents are very intemperate, and have all along neglected their family. The boy William has no education; seems a nice boy, if properly cared for.	20. W. H.—A painter; often out of work. A daughter home after 7 years' penal servitude. William, aged 15 years, dismissed from the "Mars" in consequence of bad feet and bad eye-sight. The neighbours report the whole family as bad—a regular "ticket-of-leave" lot; occasionally in prison, and family becomes chargeable to St. Cuthbert's Parish. Total income, 4s.

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CLASS II.

THE CLASS OF NEGLECTED CHILDREN, whose Parents are able to provide for them, but do not. In many of these cases the Parents have been punished more than once, without any improvement in the education of the children.

Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
21. B. GRAY, 8 Advocates' Close.—Ann, aged 10 years. This woman was summoned to appear before the Board on January 1879. The girl Ann has been little at school during the whole of this session. The mother's system is to send the girl a few days to one school and a few days to another. The girl has no education; she had a sore head from neglect, the mother having no desire that it should improve, as she required the girl to look after a younger child.	21. B. G.—Parish clothed her children last month. States she kept child from school in consequence of sore head; now attending regularly; 2 girls in tobacco shops; 1 idle. Total income, 18s. 6d.
22. P. MURRAY, 29 Dickson's Close.—Ellen, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in January 1878 and July 1878; before the Sheriff in July 1878; was before the Board again in February 1879; also before the Sheriff February 1879, and sent 8 days to prison. The girl Ellen has no education, and has only been a few days at school this session. Father intemperate, and contributes little towards the support of his family, who are very much neglected. A younger boy, 8 years of age, has been sent to an Industrial School by the police for theft. Father several times before the Police Court.	22. P. M.—Labourer, out of work; sold hard ale; took a drinking fit. School Board punished him, and the parish supported the wife and family; they are now at school. He is quite fit, and School Board pressure should make him support the family.
23. A. GILLHOOLEY, 56 Blackfriars' Street.—Bridget, aged 12 years, Annie, aged 8 years. This woman was brought before the Board in May 1875, January 1876, December 1877; and before the Sheriff in June 1875; sent to prison for 14 days; again before the Board in November 1878, and before the Sheriff in January 1879. She is intemperate, and the children have all along been neglected. The girl Bridget was sent to	23. A. G.—Works in Tripery, wages about 12s.; has two daughters well married, who could look after the girl if School Board pressure used; has one child in Industrial School.

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Compulsory Officer's Report.	Parochial Board's Report.
work 5 years ago; also an older boy who is now in the "Mars." She leaves the house in the morning and returns at night, and the children are left to do as they like; they have little or no education.	
24. M. Dolan, 59 Blackfriars' Street.—Mary, aged 12 years. This man was before the Board December 1876, December 1877, March 1878, and March 1879; and before the Sheriff March 1879, and fined 10s., and 20s. of expenses. During the last four years the girl has not made half-time at school, and cannot pass the Third Standard. The parents are very careless about the girl's education.	24. M. D.—Not found.
25. P. Connoly, 59 Blackfriars' Street.—Was before the Board in February 1877, and before the Sheriff March 1877, fined 10s., and 20s. expenses, for neglecting a boy now above age. This man seems quite careless about the education of his children—Margaret, aged 9 years, and Thomas, aged 7 years. They are allowed by him to play in front of his shop during school hours. When spoken to by the Officer, he states that he cannot get them to attend school. They have little or no education, and are much neglected.	25. P. C.—A picture-frame maker. Says he is quite able and willing to feed his own children, and would not accept such a charity for them. Wife recently an inmate of Morningside Asylum. Total income, 14s. 6d.
26. J. Deachan, 4 South Foulis Close.—John, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in June 1876, January 1877, April 1877; before the Sheriff in May 1877, and fined 5s., and 20s. expenses. He is a widower, and intemperate. Boy has very little education, and is much neglected, and has been often taken to school by the officer without any good result.	26. J. D.—Masons' labourer; was idle nine weeks; now employed. One child in Industrial School. Total income, 18s.
27. A. Nairn, 2 Morrison's Close.—Adam, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board in May 1875, October 1875, May 1877, March 1878, and January 1879. His wife is very intemperate, and the boy has no education, not having passed the First Standard. The father was prosecuted before the Sheriff in January 1879; fined 5s.	27 A. N.—Cabman, unemployed. Apparently a case for the poorhouse; neighbours have been helping; wife adopted child, for which she gets 3s. weekly.
28. B. Campedonica, 23 Fleshmarket Close.—Mary Ann, aged 9 years; Catherine, aged 7 years.	28. B. C.—Recently ill, and got 5s. a week from the parish, and

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This man was before the Board in December 1874, for neglecting the education of an elder girl who is now over age, and has little or no education. The above-named are also being neglected, owing to the carelessness of the parents, who seem to take no interest in the education of their children.	soup-tickets from Dr. Littlejohn; now quite able to feed his family; one of the family idle. Total income, 37s. 6d.
29. M. Robertson, 6 Advocates' Close.—Edward, aged 9 years. This woman was before the Board in February 1878, and the case was delayed owing to the poverty of the family. She seems to be intemperate, and neglects her children; the boy is allowed to run about the street in a filthy state. He has little or no education.	29. M. R.—Alleged to keep a "Shebeen." Total income, 7s. See No. 119.
30. R. Cairnie, 14 Advocates' Close.—Jane, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board November 1878. The girl has been neglected for a long time. She has been little at school during the whole session, was suffering from sore eyes, very much caused by neglect. She has only passed First Standard.	30. R. C.—Mrs. Cairnie says they wish nothing from the parish or School Board; James, 17 years of age, idle; the children were ill of sore eyes when officer complained. Total income, 28s.
31. Mrs. Duffy, 15 Advocates' Close.—John, aged 9 years. The father of this family was before the Board in February 1875, and again in November 1877. The children have been neglected for years, the boy John has no education; often has a sore head, caused by neglect. The mother is given to intemperance. Father dead.	31. Mrs. D.—Husband left some money, said to be done; son was unemployed, working at 1s. per day; a neighbour says she has a daughter named Bridget working in Gutta Percha Works, 9s. weekly.
32. Elizabeth M'Quiggan, Covenant Close.—Margaret Kerr, aged 11 years. Elizabeth M'Quiggan or Hennesey is the girl's aunt. John Hennesey is the man who lives with Elizabeth M'Quiggan, and was before the Board in March 1877; deserted his family. Elizabeth M'Quiggan was before the Board in May 1877, and before the Sheriff on the same month. No punishment was awarded, as she promised to hand the girl over to the Parochial Authorities on the same day; instead of which she sent her to live with a sister who bears a bad character; since then she has been again handed back to Elizabeth; is still neglected and has no education. Her father is said to be in Glasgow, and her mother dead.	32. E. M'Q.—Husband idle all winter: she deals in old clothes. When he is employed they are quite able to maintain themselves without the aid of charity; earns 10s. to 15s. when working.

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33. William Muir, 28 Stevenlaw's Close.—Isabella, aged 12 years; John, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in January 1875 for neglecting the education of his children; they removed to the country, but returned to town last year. Family is grossly neglected, neither of the children having passed the First Standard. The man is believed to have plenty of means, and perfectly able to educate his family. They were again before the Board on 2d of February 1879; very little improvement in their attendance at school.	33. W. M.—Upholsterer, been ill, and had 12s. a week of allowance from the Upholsterers' Society; when working, quite able to feed his children; neighbours think so. Total income, 16s.
34. T. Kilbain, 8 Cowgate.—John, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in February 1879, and also before the Sheriff the same month, and admonished; the boy has no education, is totally neglected by his parents, who are both given to intemperance. His attendance at school from September 1878 till February 1879, was only three days.	34. J. K.—Labourer; this man is careless; should be compelled to support his children. Total income, 16s.
35. C. Shearon, 116 Cowgate.—Michael, aged 11 years; Sarah, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board March 1876, November 1876, February 1877, June 1877, March 1878, and May 1879; was before the Sheriff on March 1877, admonished, and March 1878 sent to prison for 14 days. The children have no education, have only attended a few days this session. Both parents are intemperate, and have been several times convicted of "shebeening." Father lately came out of prison; family were in great poverty during the winter.	35. C. S.—Labourer, in jail for selling whisky; children naked and ill off; one of the family idle; seem to be a bad lot.
36. W. Gearty, 8 Cowgate.—John, aged 10 years, Lawrence, aged 7 years. This man was before the Board in January 1879. Case sent to the Sheriff, failed to appear in January, was apprehended in February, and sent to prison for 8 days. Both parents are intemperate and quite indifferent about their family. The children have no education, are both in the First Standard, and have only attended school a few days this session.	36. W. G.—Labourer; been in prison, and family offered Poorhouse; bad, and unfit to bring up a family to any useful purpose. Total income, 15s.
37. J. Gorman, Wardrope's Lodgings, 54 Cowgate.—Removed to Pirrie's Close, Canongate, from Wardrope's Lodgings, Cowgate. James, aged 10 years, Alexander, aged 7 years. Father of this family was before the Board, June 1875, for neglecting two girls who are now	37. J. G.—A shop not found.

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above age; was summoned to appear before the Sheriff in December 1878, for sending his children to sell papers after hours, when he absconded and left his wife and family; both parents are very intemperate; the two children are with the mother; they have only been once at school during the present session. They have no education or fixed residence. [Was summoned to appear before the Board in May 1879; failed to appear, ordered to be prosecuted.]	
38. J. Murdoch, 134 Cowgate.—Elizabeth, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board on December 1877 and November 1878, for neglecting the education of an older boy, 10 years old, who was only in First Standard, and who has since been sent to a Reformatory for house-breaking. Both parents are careless, and neglect their children.	38. J. M.—Labourer, out of work for 12 weeks; doubtful; house dirty; neighbours say they are decent, but this may be doubted. Total income, 18s.
39. P. Fitzpatrick, 327 Cowgate.—Michael, aged 9 years, Catherine, aged 6 years. Both children neglected. See Report, Class I. No. 10.	39. P. F.—See Class I. No. 10.
40. Peter Higgins, 15 High School Yards.—Thomas, aged 10 years; James, aged 7 years. This man was before the Board in November 1876; both parents are intemperate, and their children dirty and neglected; several times when visited, all the children were found running about the house naked at midday. Two children who have been living with them have been sent to an Industrial School. Children have no education.	40. P. H., Typefounder; he and wife drunken; Helen earns 7s., but only gives mother 4s.; Mary (16) a papercutter about Canonmills; Marion (14) a servant; bad lot.
41. Owen Curran, 289 Cowgate.—John, aged 9 years. The father of this family was before the Board November 1878; was summoned to appear before the Sheriff; could not be found; removed to Glasgow; is very intemperate, and contributes little towards the support of his family, who have no education, and are much neglected, as the mother has to go out to work for their support.	41. O. C.—Now removed to Little Lochend Close; could feed children if he would drink less whisky.
42. P. Began, 7 South Niddry Street.—Margaret, aged 11 years; Patrick, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in December 1877 and January 1878. Children are very much neglected, have little or no education. A girl named Rose Ann, who is now over	42. P. B.—Works in Gasworks; Mary, machine girl, earns 12s. weekly; Helen, idle, but can earn 4s. weekly when working: Rose (14) earns 2s. weekly; a daughter

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13 years of age, has also been neglected in her education.	married. Total income, 37s.
43. H. Hoar, 97 West Bow.—Bridget, aged 11 years; Lizzie, aged 9; Thomas, aged 7 years. This man was before the Board in December 1874. Since then his wife died, and their children are very much neglected and irregular in their attendance at school.	43. H. H.—Masons' labourer; Mary (16) earns 3s. 9d.; Helen (14) keeps house. Total income, 20s. 6d.
44. P. Doyle, 54 Grassmarket.—Catherine, aged 10 years; Betsy, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board in November 1875, February 1876, February 1877, and April 1877. Mother of the family is a confirmed drunkard, and strips the children of the clothing provided by the father, who seems anxious that his children should be educated. They have little or no education owing to the mother's misconduct, and are very much neglected.	44. P. D.—Scavenger; son, William, earns 10s. a week, and some beef; wife does not seem a sober woman. Total income, 32s. 6d.
45. E. Donelly, 5 Castle Wynd.—William, aged 10 years. The father of this boy was before the Board in June 1878, and stated that he did not live with his wife, who has the custody of the boy, and sends him out to sell firewood during school hours. The boy has no education, and although the father was willing to take him and send him to school, his mother will not give him up. He has been very little at school this session. The mother was before the Board in November 1878.	45. E. D., 9 Cowgate.—Husband in St. Cuthbert's Poorhouse; said to have a son a commercial traveller in Glasgow; can feed the children without assistance from any one.
46. J. Ford, 3 Vennel.—John, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board in February 1879, and stated that he had often brought his boy to school, but he would not attend. Both parents seemed careless, and take no interest in their boy's education. He does not know the alphabet: has only attended school a few days this session, and is much neglected.	46. J. F.—When visited, Father White was in the house, and refused information, saying he would see they got what was required.
47. M. Cadoni, 54 Cowgate.—Frank, aged 11 years; George, aged 8 years. The father of this family was before the Board in November 1876; has also been several times before the Committee on Neglected and Destitute Children. Father now dead. Mother has no house of her own. Often	47. M. C.—This woman is the widow of an actor: she sings on the street at night, and appears to be an unsuitable person to bring up a family; says she washes, and children sell papers.

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removes out of town and returns again. Children much neglected, with little or no education.	
48. J. Storm, 38 India Place.—James, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in December 1876, May 1877; before the Sheriff June 1877; sent to prison 14 days; again before the Board November 1878. Both parents intemperate, and utterly neglect their children. Boy James has very little education.	48. J. S.—A mason, unemployed for 20 weeks; has a daughter (16) envelope maker out of work, and one (Margaret, 19) in Nicol's printing office, wages, 9s., lives with sister; allows mother 1s., idle. Total income, 34s.
49. G. Allan, 126 Cowgate.—Hugh, aged 8 years. Father was before the Board October 1877, November 1877. Both parents intemperate. Boy, William, above 13 years of age, has very little education. Girl, Margaret, 12 years old, sent to Deanbank Institution. Boy, Hugh, has little or no education. Allan has been in prison for disorderly conduct.	49. G. A.—A shoemaker; wages uncertain; neighbours say he is decent; daughter, Margaret, 12 years, in Servants' Training Home, Stockbridge. Total Income, 4s.
50. M. Kitchensize, 54 Grassmarket.—George, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board in March 1877, November 1878; and before the Sheriff December 1878 and January 1879; was admonished. Both parents were intemperate and neglected their children. The boy has been very little at school this session, and has not passed the Second Standard. Mother now dead.	50. M. K.—A scavenger; has two sons working; quite able to feed his children. Total income, 35s.

CLASS III.

The CLASS of DESTITUTE CHILDREN. This List varies very much; the Parents being often in *merely temporary* poverty. The following are those at present in the Officer's Books under this head.

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51. J. Docherty, 31 Dickson's Close.—A respectable family. James afflicted with an incurable disease, and the mother with rheumatism. Food has been granted by the Association, March 1877, November	51. J. D.—A pauper of Glasgow. That parish has offered to support her there, but refuse to give her anything here. She must be needy; one boy

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1877, and November 1878. Regular attendance of children at school secured thereby. Income, 13s. weekly. Five children.	idle. Two children. Total income, 1s. 6d.
52. J. Vance, 42 Blackfriars' Street.—Father cannot get constant employment, and the mother has only one arm. Food and clothing granted February 1876. Attendance at school much improved thereby. Food only granted in November 1876, and again in November 1878. Father intemperate. Weekly income, 16s. Four children.	52. J. V.—A shoemaker of an inferior sort; has been offered admission to Poorhouse occasionally. Weekly income 14s. 6d. Three children.
53. J. Coony, 2 Burnet's Close.—Father in delicate health. Mother a book-folder out of employment. Family in great poverty. Food granted by Association during session 1878-79. Children attend school fairly. Weekly income, 7s. 6d. Three children.	53. J. C.—Children sell papers; bootcloser, as also his wife: far from sober; if children fed, so much more for whisky. Weekly income 12s. Three children.
54. A. M'Lauchlan, 7 Fountain Close.—The father of this family deserts them periodically. Was away in 1876. Mother decent, has given children good education. Earns 6s. weekly by selling firewood. City parish pays school fees. Mary allowed by School Board to attend an evening-class. Five children.	54. A. M'L.—Husband labourer; deserted for six months, now returned; commenced work this week; supposed she knew where he was all the time; was offered Poorhouse. Family earnings, 6s. Six children.
55. M. M'Adam, 30 Old Assembly Close.—Has been a widow twelve months. Children destitute of clothing. Applied for clothing to City Parish, but was refused in November 1878. Committee granted food, clothing, and boots to two children in January 1879. City Parish granted boots and stockings for three children about six weeks ago. Since food was granted children have attended school well. Parish grants 3s. weekly and school fees. Total income, 12s. Six children; one in a situation.	55. M. M'A.—Was punished for allowing her children to sell papers: says she won't allow them to go to a feeding school. Now the winter is past, she thinks she will get on; has 5s. weekly from parish, with clothing and education for children. Five children. Total income, 9s. 6d. weekly.
56. F. Birnie, 306 Lawnmarket.—Father an invalid, and often in the Infirmary; at present confined to bed in his own house. Mother cannot go to work, having her husband and five young children to attend to. David is deformed. Food granted in 1878 and 1879, and boots to Frederick in February 1879. Total income, 8s. weekly from City Parish, and school fees.	56. F. B.—Wife washes, but has had nothing to do for some time. He is ill of spine disease; has 8s. a week from the parish, with clothing and education for the children. Five children.

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57. A. Conlan, 27 Blackfriars' Street.—A widow, not strong. Children attend school fairly, food having been granted, also clothing, in 1876, and again to three children in November 1878. Parish withdrew outdoor relief about the end of last year. Wanted to send her to Ireland. Four children. Total income, 16s. weekly.	57. A. C.—Pauper recently; settlement, Ireland; son gives 10s. for his board; can't say what he earns. This woman's habits are doubtful. She appears to be well off. Boy James a bad scholar, though apparently well fed; they got soup tickets at the school. Four children. Total income, 16s. a week.
58. M. Simpson, 8 Advocates' Close.—Father was unable to work for twelve months, and went to Ireland, where he died in January last. Mother earns a little as a fish hawker. Children both ill fed and clad. Food granted in January 1876 and again in November 1876. Food, clothing, and boots granted in December 1878. She received clothing for self and children, also school fees from City Parish 21st March 1879, three months after having received from Committee as above. Total Income 8s. weekly. Three children.	58. M. S.—Cohabited; dead; Mary Morran and children; allowed clothing for self and children, also education. Three children. Earnings, 4s.
59. C. Mitchell, 5 Advocates' Close.—Has adopted this girl since she was a few days old; nothing is known of her parents. Mrs. Mitchell is an old woman and unable to work. Her husband died in Glasgow twelve months ago, after having lived there with another woman for twenty years. The child was clothed in January 1877, also in November 1877, and received clothing and boots in December 1878. Attendance at school secured thereby. Weekly income uncertain.	59. C. M.—Adopted child, whose mother deserted her; the child's proper name is Corstorphine. Mrs. Mitchell has 2s. 6d. from Glasgow Parish. She has two sons who help her, but they have lately been out of work.
60. M. M'Dermott, 4 South Foulis Close.—Was never married, and lives with her mother. All in a miserable condition. Children in rags and ill fed. Mother works in a nursery and earns 8s. weekly. Children got to attend school only after being clothed and food granted in December 1878. City Parish pays school fees. Three children.	60. M. M'D.—Employment very uncertain. This is an "unfortunate;" she has three illegitimate children, and resides with her mother; says she is a charwoman. I cannot say how she makes her living; two children have been fed at soup-kitchen. Earnings 1s. to 4s.
61. J. Rielly, Anderson's Close.—Has been a widow for some years. Whole family in great poverty. James (19) idle; Bridget (15) earns 4s. weekly. Two children of	61. J. R.—States her son, Patrick, is an apprentice baker at 2s. a week. This is not likely correct, as lads of his

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school age were destitute of clothing and unable to attend school. Clothing and boots granted 28th November 1878. Weekly income, 11s. Parish pays school fees. Five children.	age have usually 5s. or 6s. a week. Three children. Family earnings, 6s. 6d. per per week.
62. J. FOLEY, 116 Cowgate.—Has been an invalid for some years. Mother earns 5s. a week in a rag store; she is sober and industrious. The children often absent from school from want of food and clothing. Food granted to three children November 1878, and regular attendance secured. Parish grants 6s. a week, and fees. Total income, 15s. 6d. per week. Four children.	62. J. F.—Ill with phthisis, with parish allowance of 6s. Income 15s. a week, and wife's food whenever she is out; with clothing and education for children; decent. Total income, 9s. per week. Four children.
63. J. CARRIGAN, 116 Cowgate.—Has been unable to work for three years from a fall off a ladder. Mother earns 6s. weekly by hawking. Edward (19) is out of employment. Family in poverty. Food granted to three children November 1878. Total income, 11s. weekly, including parish allowance. Six children.	63. J. C.—With parish allowance of 6s. a week, admitted income, 18s. Mrs. Carrigan is an excellent hawker, and no doubt earns more than she states. Husband has a stiff leg from being badly set. Four children.
64. C. M'MANNUS, 327 Cowgate.—Has been a widow two years. Family in poverty. Eldest son (18) earns 9s. per week, having been on half-time for some months. Eliza (15) out of employment. She also keeps two grandchildren, who are deserted by their father. Children were absent from school from want of food and clothing. Food granted to three children November 1878; also clothing 13th January 1879, after receiving which they have attended school regularly, but without fees or books. Total income, 5s. weekly. Five children.	64. C. M'M.—She has two children of her own, with two stepgrand-children, whose father has deserted them; we took them into the Poorhouse, but she removed them; I can't say how they are fed. Four children. Earnings 3s.
65. J. MORAN, 12 Grassmarket.—Has been in ill health for the last two years; his wife is also delicate. Their son Thomas (20) earns 10s. weekly. The mother also earns about 4s. They are sober, deserving people. Mary attends school well, but is ill fed. Food granted November 1878. Total income, 14s. weekly.	65. J. M.—Out of employment for eleven years; brother gives a little support. Can't get information in this case. One child.
66. S. CONNOR, 12 Grassmarket.—Has been an invalid for two years. Mother hawks fish and earns about 6s. per week. Mary Ann earns 4s. per week. Sober and well-doing	66. S. C.—Certified phthisis, and receives 6s. a week from parish. With parish allowance, income 10s. 6d. Mary Ann, aged 14

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people. Catherine attends school well, but is ill fed. Food granted for one month, November 1878. Total income, 14s. 6d. per week. Three children.	years, does nothing; only sometimes hawks with her mother; not a good occupation for her. One child.
67. J. Hamilton, 15 West Port.—This man is intemperate, and neglects his family. Wife sober and industrious. Two girls of school age attend school fairly, but are ill fed. A boy (6) sent to an Industrial School, December 1878. Father earns 18s per week, but spends most of it on drink. Income of family, 22s. 6d. Four children.	67. J. H.—House demolished. Not found.
68. E. Finnigan, Allison's Close.—A widow; sober and industrious. The two elder children attend school well, but are ill clothed and fed: the youngest is illegitimate. Food granted to two children 28th November 1878, since which Margaret received clothing from the parish. Total income, 5s. per week. Three children.	68. E. F.—Has had an illegitimate child since husband's death; Committee in consequence refused relief, but gave a donation of 10s. with clothing. She said she was to hawk, and could support herself. Three children.
69. M. Craig, 27 Pitt Street.—A widow; says she is in delicate health, but seems to be intemperate. She had out-door relief from the parish, but it has now been stopped. John earns 8s., and David (13) in the "Mars" Training Ship. Food granted to three children November 1878; also clothing 13th February 1879, since which they have not been a day absent from school. Four children at home. Total, 8s. weekly.	69. M. C.—This woman is quite unfit to manage her children; the Board offered to take charge of them and board them out, but she refused to give them up; they will go to the bad under her care. Four children. Family earnings, 9s.
70. M. Dobie, 48 Broughton Street.—Has been a widow for some years. She had parochial relief some time ago, but it was stopped. She seems decent and industrious. The children were all destitute of clothing, and unable to attend school in consequence. Clothing granted to two children 13th February 1879; now regular at school. Five children. Total earnings, 6s. 6d. per week.	70. M. D.—Mrs. Dobie is, I fear, not a provident or well-conducted person. The Board have allowed her 3s. meantime, and clothing with education for her children. Harriet (14), dressmaker, earns 2s. 6d. weekly with food. Five children. Weekly income, 5s.
71. J. M'Inally, 10 Low Calton.—This woman is in great poverty, and lives with her mother in a small attic without any furniture. They have been receiving assistance ever since February 1876, which has enabled the children to attend school fairly. She appears to be sober and decent, but very poor. Food, clothing and boots granted in January 1879.	71. J. M'I.—A pauper of South Leith. They have offered to admit her to their Poorhouse in respect of her intemperance. Two children. Earnings 1s. 6d. to 3s. per week.

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72. A. Stevens, 21 Greenside Row.—Has been a widow for some years. John (18) earns 9s. 6d. Annie, out of employment. Mrs. Stevens and family lived with her father until last August, when he died. Her brother sometimes lives with her—a drunken, lazy character, who neglects his own child, and has no fixed residence. Nine persons live in a small room and closet, without any furniture or bedding, except a few dirty rags. Total weekly income, 14s. 6d., including 5s. from Govan parish (and school fees). Six children.	72. A. S.—A pauper on Govan at 5s. Girl Ann, aged 16 years, idle at present; when working earns from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. Children this winter got tickets for breakfast and dinner, and income of family was 22s. Five children. Father earns 15s. weekly.[1]
73. M. Wynn, 17 Greenside Street.—Has been a widow for thirteen months. Had out-door relief from City Parish, but stopped some months ago. Reason given that she had no settlement. Children long absent from school, until food was granted them in November 1878. City Parish has lately granted her 5s. per week and school fees. Four children. Mother earns 10s. weekly.	73. M. W.—Now on roll at 5s., with clothing and education. Settlement, Ireland. Three children. Total income, 15s.
74. M. Joyce, Plainstone Close.—Peter Cox is no relation, but has lived with Mrs. Joyce for four years. An orphan. She has two lodgers who pay her 4s. weekly, and has also 2s. per week from a Roman Catholic Society. She has a grown-up son, who lives with her, but is out of employment. Food, clothing, and boots granted January 1879. Boy now attends school regularly; has been assisted with food since 1875.	74. M. J.—Child Peter Cox is no relation to Mrs. Joyce. He was born in the Poorhouse, and the Board offered to take charge of him, but Mrs. Joyce refused to give him up. She has a son working. Idle.
75. A. Fenney, 59 Blackfriars' Street.—Was deserted by her husband some time ago, when she and her three children went into the City Poorhouse. Afterwards her husband took them out, and left them destitute on the streets the same day. She has no house of her own, but is living with, and partly supported by, her brother. The children were badly fed and clad; received food in 1877. Food, clothing, and boots were granted to the two elder January 1879. Husband supposed to be living about the Haymarket.	75. A. F.—Husband a street porter, recently deserted her, and she went into the Poorhouse. When he learned she was there, he was afraid of being apprehended, and took her out. He tipples. Two children.
76. J. Inglis, 3 Baxter's Close.—Has been in ill health. Is now well, but cannot get employment. The mother supports her four children, the eldest of whom is seven years of age, by hawking fish. Children were irregular	76. J. I.—A coal porter; has had little employment during the winter; has one child brought

[1] Is not this the man who died in August last?

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at school from want of food and clothing. Food, clothing, and boots were granted to two in January 1879, and are now regular at school. One boy in Industrial School. Total income, 5s. per week earned by wife.	up at the public expense in the Ragged School. Five children. Total income, 10s. per week.
77. S. Davidson, 6 James's Court.—Has been a widow twelve months. She has been unable to work since the birth of her youngest child. She has 6s. per week and school-fees from a parish in Glasgow, which is her only income. She seems a sober, respectable person, but very poor. Two elder boys absent from school for want of boots. Food granted to three children January 1879, and boots to two February 1879, and they were sent to school.	77. S. D.—A pauper of Glasgow at 5s.; she goes out washing, etc., and is said to be a very decent person. If she earns no more than she states, she cannot be well off. Five children. Income, 3s. weekly.
78. C. Barns, 212 Canongate.—Cannot get work to do; children are delicate. Catherine in Children's Hospital for the last three months. The father was a pocket-book maker, and died in London two years ago. Parish pays school-fees. Total income of family, 7s. per week. Four children referred to Day Home 3d January 1879.	78. C. B.—Cohabits with Henry Barns, pocket-book maker. John, aged 13 years, earns 4s. Three children.
79. P. Fenney, 6 Plainstone Close.—Has been idle since July last, and wife ill for eleven weeks. A child, aged 7 years, in Children's Hospital. One boy absent from school for want of food and clothing. City Parish granted 3s. per week 9th January 1879, also clothing; food granted by Committee to two children 16th January 1879. Income, with parish allowance, 11s. 6d. Four children.	79. P. F.—Gardener's labourer, unemployed during winter, and now ill; on parish roll, 3s.; a decent man; when better he will support his family; children got breakfasts and dinners. Three children. Income, 8s. 6d. per week.
80. J. Harkin, 6 Pirrie's Close.—Both parents intemperate, but are at present in ill health. The School Board has been dealing with this family since 1874; several times summoned before them. Children are badly clad and much neglected. Boy, aged 15 years, earns 5s. per week, two younger earn 6s. by selling newspapers; total, 11s. A daughter, aged nineteen years, has an illegitimate child. Eleven persons living in one room. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two, January 1879. Five children. They have been assisted several times since 1875.	80. J. H.—A painter; has been idle; with School Board pressure this man is well able to support his family; he tipples. Three children. Income, 5s. per week.
81. R. A. Fee, 12 Advocates' Close.—A widow; goes out dealing in old clothes; has a hard	81. R. A. F.—A hawker; won't state earnings. Rose, aged

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struggle to bring up so large a family; has no parish relief, but was offered the house; food granted to four children January 1879, and they have attended school fairly since. Seven children. Total weekly income, 10s. Received food January 1876 and January 1878.	15 years, hawks with mother; frequently offered the house by the Board; children likely to be lost. Six children. Family earnings, 3s. 6d.
82. B. Rourke, 79 High Street.—A widow, and seems to be respectable; has 4s. a week and school-fees from parish. She earns 3s., making a total income of 7s. per week. Food granted to two children in January 1878, and again to three in January 1879. Four children.	82. B. R.—A hawker; won't state her earnings; has 3s. 6d. from City Parish, clothing and education for children. Three children.
83. J. Laven, 18 Fleshmarket Close.—Father in ill health; mother cannot get work to do; seem decent people, but in extreme poverty. Applied to the parish, but was refused in December last, at which date the whole family was on the verge of starvation. Since reported to Committee on Destitute Children the City Parish have granted 4s. per week, and some articles of bedding. Food granted to two boys in December 1878, clothing and boots in March 1879. Elder boy idle; no income.	83. J. L.—Husband, James Laven, a gardener, has been idle and ill during the winter; son, John, aged 16 years, an apprenticed basket-maker, lives with them,—also unemployed for some weeks, now jobbing; has 4s. from parish; got bedding and clothing. Two children.
84. C. Fox, 3 Dickson's Close.—Deserted by husband; she is in great poverty, owing to her having had no work for some weeks through a fire having damaged premises in which she wrought; was in the Poorhouse for a fortnight but could not live there. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children January 1879, who are now regular at school. Four children; no income at present.	84. C. F.—Deserted by her husband for six months; the Board has offered to admit the family to the Poorhouse; children fed by School Board.[1] Four children. Total income, 1s. 6d. per day.
85. E. Cairns, 1 Chalmers' Close.—Deserted by husband; she cannot get employment; family decent but very poor; one girl, aged 17 years, employed half-time in rag-store, and earns about 3s. 6d. per week; family offered Poorhouse, but refused to go. Food granted to two children January 1879. Four children.	85. E. C.—Husband deserted, supposed to be about Hamilton; Board has offered family admission to Poorhouse. Children fed at Night Asylum. Three children. Earnings, 6d. to 1s. a day.
86. M. Rielly, 107 Cowgate.—Deserted by her husband about five years ago; children destitute of clothing and neglected; was offered the house but refused; she seems not a deserving person; had an illegitimate child lately; three children; total income, 7s.	86. M. R.—Offered house by Board; deserted by husband, and

[1] This must mean the Committee who raised funds to provide food and clothing for destitute children, on condition of their attending school, some of the members of which are also members of the School Board.

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weekly. Food granted to two children January 1879, also clothing and boots February 1879. Children are now regular at school.	recently had an illegitimate child. Two children. Earnings, 8s. per week.
87. E. M'Taggart, Primrose Place, Croft-an-Righ.—Was never married; she did receive 5s. per week from the father of her eldest boy, which is now stopped, and she is in great poverty; her aged mother also lives with her, but is supported by her son; a boy, aged 9 years, is absent from school from want of clothing and boots. Food, clothing, and boots granted January 1879. Total weekly income, 3s. Two children.	87. E. M'T.—Cannot be found.
88. C. Evans, 259 Cowgate.—Deserted by her husband, she cannot go out to work owing to her two youngest children being sick; had 2s. 6d. per week from Parish, which was stopped; one boy, aged 17 years, earns 10s., and one, aged 15 years, earns 5s. Total weekly income, 15s. Food granted to one child January 1879; mother summoned before the Board 10th March 1879. Six children, two of whom are at school.	88. C. E.—Was on the roll; Board now considers income adequate, but has granted education and clothing. A girl meantime idle. Quite able to manage her children. Five children. Total weekly income, 21s.
89. A. M'Nab, 330 Fishmarket Close.—Has been a widow for some years. A son, aged 17 years, was her main support, but is now out of employment. Elizabeth, aged 13 years, in delicate health and unable to work. Parish pays school fees and has given articles of clothing. Food granted to two children, who are now at school. No income. Three children.	89. A. M'N.—Son William, aged 18 years, a labourer, idle; Elizabeth, aged 15 years, keeps house; Anne, aged 12 years, at school; got ticket for one meal; said to be decent, Four children. Earnings, 2s. 6d., and food.
90. J. Kippis, 20 Bank Street.—Met with an accident at his work some time ago, when he received 8s. per week from parish; it was withdrawn as soon as he was able to do a little work; he cannot, however, obtain work, and they are in great poverty; they are clean decent people, but children destitute of clothing. Six children, the eldest of whom is 11 years of age. No income at present. Food, boots, and clothing granted to two children February 1879.	90. J. K.—A labourer, was ill, on outdoor roll; has since got little employment; when employed, able and willing to support his family, a decent man; two children also unemployed. Six children. Earnings, 1s. 6d. weekly.

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91. E. Gifford, 1 Milne's Court.—A widow, earns a little by vending vegetables, etc., was offered the house; boy poorly clad; received clothing from parish, which is now worn out and he cannot attend school. Food and clothing granted January 1879, boy now at school; one boy in Original Ragged Industrial School. Weekly income, 6s.	91. E. G.—A fish hawker, got clothing from the Parish lately; said she could manage if she got this; got some also from the Association, and child got tickets for breakfast and dinner from school. One child.
92. J. Harkness, 2 Riddle's Court.—Has been out of employment for three months; his wife would do cleaning work, but cannot get it. They are respectable, but very poor. A daughter aged 18 years, imbecile. Father earns 1s. per day at the Association. Clothing granted March 1877. Food and clothing January 1878. Food, clothing, and boots January 1879. Four children, weekly income, 6s.	92. J. H.—A blacksmith, out of employment, 1s. per day from stick factory; was granted school fees by Board in February last. Four children.
93. J. Whitelaw, 3 Riddle's Court.—Makes small articles of confectionery, and hawks them; wife dead; girl, aged 14 years, earns 2s. 6d. weekly; boy, aged 9 years, neglected, and often away from school; food might induce him to attend more regularly. Two children. Total weekly income, 10s. [Food granted January 1879. Boy attending school.]	93. J. W.—Aged 35 years. A confectioner, makes and sells confections to small shops. Every one in the stair appears to be as badly off. He appears to be poor enough. Two children. Family earnings, 3s.
94. C. M'Kenna, 15 Old Assembly Close.—Has been a widow over ten years; she is in great poverty, having her aged mother to support. Her only child, aged 12 years is destitute of clothing. Got food and clothing January 1877; food also granted November 1877; food, clothing, and boots January 1879. City Parish granted 2s. 6d. per week after husband's death. Weekly income, 12s. She made a good use of what she received.	94. C. M'K.—Husband a plasterer's[1] labourer, been unemployed for three weeks. Neighbours think he is quite able to feed his family; three of wife's sons are fleshers. Three children. Earnings, 3s.
95. J. Armstrong, 1 Fountain Close.—Has been unwell lately, and unfit to work for the last six months. Mother is a charwoman, but cannot get regular employment. A daughter, aged 23 years, earns 8s. per week. The mother earns 2s. weekly. Total income, 10s. per week. Boy, aged 10 years, destitute of clothing. Food, clothing, and boots	95. J. A.—A shoemaker, much given to drink, has been in an Asylum; wife industrious. Two children. Family earnings, 8s.

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granted January 1879; now regular at school. Three children. Father was summoned before the Board in 1874.	
96. M. Ford, 1 Fountain Close.—Out of employment, and family in poverty; two girls absent from school from want of food and clothing; food and clothing, also boots, granted to three children January 1879, who are now regular at school. [Father got employment in April, and is earning 17s. per week. Four children.]	96. M. F.—Unemployed, and in want at present; children fed at school, and require it. Five children.
97. M. M'Laren, 7 Milne's Square.—Husband in Poorhouse; she would do cleaning if she could get it; children attend school well, but are much in need of food and clothing; was offered the House, but refused to break up her home, on account of her two elder children, aged 18 and 14 years. Food granted to two children January 1879. Total weekly income, 11s. Five children.	97. M. M'L.—Husband unemployed; he was in St. Cuthbert's Poorhouse 11 weeks; out three weeks ago, and expects to get a job soon. Three children. Family earnings, 7s. per week.
98. A. Murray, 23 Dickson's Close.—Met with an accident some time ago, and is unable to do heavy work; whole family in great poverty; boy, aged 10 years, is an imbecile; had 8s. per week from Liberton Parish, which was withdrawn previous to 17th December 1878. Granted 8s. per week again on the 12th March 1879. Seven children. [Some articles of clothing were also granted by parish 4th April 1879.]	98. A. M.—A carter, pauper on outdoor roll at 8s., with clothes and education; daughter Esther, aged 15 years, was in St. John's Home, but ran away; children get soup; he is said to be a decent man. Eight children. Family earnings, 4s.
99. A. Ulvaney, 56 Blackfriars' Street.—A respectable woman, but in poverty; food much required for two girls, aged 11 and 8 years; received food November 1877; also food and underclothing January 1876; food granted to two January 1879. Girl, aged 13 years, earns 3s.; mother, 5s.; from City Parish, 2s. Total weekly income, 10s. Also school-fees. Three children.	99. A. U.—Aged 42 years. Washerwoman; and Mary gone to pick paper; wages not stated. Pauper on roll at 2s., with clothing and education. Children are fed. Three children.
100. E. Fraser, 56 Blackfriars' Street.—Was never married; lives with her mother; they are very poor, and the children destitute of clothing; mother earns about 6s. 6d. per week by knitting. School fees were paid by City Parish, but are now withdrawn; has	100. E. F.—A single woman with three children. A pauper on St. Cuthbert's Parish.

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no parish relief. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three children in January 1879. Weekly income, 6s. 6d. Three children.	
101. T. Brechin, 51 Ashley Buildings.—Has been out of employment for three weeks, and his wife is in delicate health. They have been in poverty for years; does not seem to be a well-doing man, and is often away from home; food granted to three children in April 1876, also clothing. Food granted to three November 1876; and again to two children in January 1879. Five children. Income uncertain.	101. T. B.—Was a washer at Lochrin at 18s. weekly, and a waiter at night; appears to be well off, but defiant; should be compelled; his night occupation is of a doubtful kind. Three children.
102. P. O. Donnell, Covenant Close.—Suffering from rheumatism, and has been unable to work for some months; the mother is also in ill-health. Children attend school well, but are much in need of food and clothing. City Parish grants 5s. per week, which is their sole income at present. Four children, aged 14, 11, 8 and 5 years. Food and clothing granted to three children January 1879.	102. P. O. D.—A civil man. He and his four friends were drinking whisky out of a tea-cup when visited. Pleads exemption for his children in respect that they are all under age, the eldest aged four and a half years.[1] Three children.
103. M. Quigley, Fishmarket Close.—A widow, in great poverty and is in delicate health; food would be of great benefit to a boy of 11 years of age. A boy aged 14 years earns 4s. per week, which is the whole income of the family. Food granted 16th January 1879. [This woman died in February 1879, and the boy sent to Lanark Roman Catholic Industrial School.]	103. M. Q.—Died three months ago, as reported by neighbours.
104. M. M'Kenna, 289 Cowgate.—A widow; slipper-maker, but cannot get work to do; a daughter aged 17 years is in delicate health and unable to work regularly. Total earnings, 16s. 6d. per week, including 2s. 6d. from City Parish. Five children. Food granted to two January 1879.	104. M. M'K.—A pauper on Govan Parish; receives 2s. 6d. a week, with clothing and education. Five children. Total income, 16s. 6d. weekly.
105. J. Mulvey, 97 West Bow.—Has been idle some time; a clean well-doing family, but poor; food would be of great benefit to children. The father broke his leg lately, and was admitted to Royal Infirmary. The City Parish granted 8s. per week in January 1879; food granted to three children 16th January 1879. Six children, oldest of whom is 11 years of age.	105. J. M.—Labourer; has been in Infirmary; decent man; wife industrious. Children have been fed by School Board.[2] He receives 8s. per week, with clothing and education from the Parish. Six children.

[1] This must be a different family.
[2] See case 84.

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106. M. Preston, 93 N. B. Canongate.—A widow in poor circumstances, would be thankful if food were allowed her two children; being in ill-health, she can only earn about 6s. per week by selling coals, etc.; a step-son, aged 18 years, lived with her for two months, but does not assist her in any way; during part of last session children were admitted to Day Home, St. John Street. Food granted to two children January 1879. Weekly income, including 2s. 6d. from parish, 8s. 6d.	106. M. P.—Sells coals; not very successful. Daniel, aged 18 years, a step-son; presently ill. Children get breakfast and dinner; has 2s. 6d. a week, etc., from the parish. Two children.
107. P. Bannagan, 6 Burnet's Close.—Has weak legs and unable to work at heavy employment; two boys aged 18 years out of employment, so that they are all in great poverty; applied to parish and was offered the House; two children of school age much in need of food and clothing. Five children. Total weekly income, 9s. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children January 1879.	107. P. B.—A town porter. Gives his own and family earnings at a very low figure; has two sons aged 17 years; one idle; one earning only 5s. Children feed at soup-kitchen. Four children. Income, 8s. 6d.
108. P. M'Fayden, 14 Burnet's Close.—Has been idle owing to the severe weather all winter; destitute of food and clothing. Mother earns about 5s. weekly by hawking fish; food granted to three children February 1879. Four children.	108. P. M'F.—Unemployed, but commenced work last Monday as a labourer. Children have been fed at soup-kitchen. Four children.
109. J. Tearney, Covenant Close.—Has been idle for four months except a few days cleaning snow from the streets. Boy absent from school from want of clothing; family clean and tidy, but very poor; food and clothing granted to two February 1879. Total weekly income, 10s. 6d. Four children.	109. J. T.—A labourer, unemployed for some time and much reduced. Children fed at soup-kitchen; family has lived during the winter on charity. Three children. Family earnings, 4s. 6d.
110. Magnus Ward, Covenant Close.—Has been in delicate health for some time past; they seem very poor, and receive a little assistance from a grown-up son who has lately come to live with them; since reported the father has been admitted into the Royal Infirmary. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children February 1879. A boy, aged 15 years, in a Reformatory. Two children. Income uncertain.	110. M. W.—Husband, Magnus Ward, a labourer, unemployed. Has a son, aged 15 years, in Glasgow Reformatory. Children fed at soup-kitchen. Said to be quiet people, but can take a dram. Two children.
111. T. Gillhooley, 1 Bailie Fyfe's Close.—Father out of employment; the mother sells firewood, assisted by Bridget after school	111. T. G.—Labourer, unemployed; said to be decent. Wife sells firewood, and earns from

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hours, and earns 3s. per week. A boy, aged 14 years, earns 5s. 6d. Total weekly income, 8s. 6d. They seem decent people. Four children.	2s. 6d. to 3s. weekly. Four children. Family earnings, 5s. 6d.
112 D. Grieve, 2 Baxter's Close.—Has been idle three months, was working in stick factory, but not now. Two girls, aged 11 and 7 years, destitute of clothing, and cannot attend school; decent people. Food, clothing, and boots granted to both girls February 1879; now at school. No income at present.	112. D. G.—Unemployed; in stick factory at 1s. per day. Children fed and clothed at Hanover Street. Two children.
113. C. Galligan, Covenant Close.—Husband in Poorhouse; has got a little assistance from Association, such as soup, gas-cinders, etc. Girl, aged 9 years, absent from school, and laid up with cold from want of clothing. Has two daughters married, one in town and one in Penicuik; two unmarried at Balerno Paper Mills, working half time; none of these are able to assist their mother in any way. Parents, who often live separate, have been four times before the Board for neglecting to educate their children. Food, clothing, and boots granted March 1879. Weekly income, 3s. The girl is now attending school.	113. C. G.—Husband in the Poorhouse; has family able to assist. Family earnings, 3s. or 4s. One child.
114. F. Rourke, 17 James' Court.—Has been out of employment for some months, except a short time cleaning snow from the streets at 1s. per diem. They have sold or pawned all their furniture to procure food. Food granted to four children February 1879. Six children, one of whom is above school age, and earns 6s. weekly, which is their sole income at present.	114. F. R.—Aged 44 years; unemployed; children fed. Has also three of family out of work. Five children.
115. J. Ferguson, 9 Cowgate.—Deserted by husband, who is a ship's steward. She seems a tidy, respectable person, would earn a little by her needle, but cannot get it to do. The children are ill-clad, and absent from school through poverty. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three boys March 1879, and they are now at school. Four children No income at present.	115. J. F.—Rent paid by her brother. Lately a pauper chargeable to Dunfermline. Deserted twelve months ago, husband supposed to be in London. Offered Poorhouse. Children, tickets for breakfast and dinner. Four children.

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116. T. Robertson, 10 High Calton.—Has been out of employment since October last. Decent people. Wife sews for the Association, and earns 3s. 6d. per week. The children are absent from school through poverty and want of clothing. Father earns about 3s. per week doing odd jobs; total earnings, 6s. 6d. per week. Five children. Clothing and boots granted to two children March 1879.	116. T. R.—Labourer, unemployed; earns 18s. when working. Wife earns 2s. weekly at sewing. Reported decent case, but destitute through illness. Never applied for parochial relief. Five children.
117. A. Robinson, 70 Assembly Close.—Deserted by husband seven years ago. She met with an accident in September last, and has been twice a patient in the Infirmary since. Ann, aged 15 years, has to stay from work to nurse her mother. Two younger children kept well at school, but ill-fed. Has 6s. a week from Elgin Parish. Food granted to two children February 1879. Three children.	117. A. R.—Two children; breakfast and dinner from soup-kitchen. Ann, aged 15 years, keeps house. Mother unfitted for work; ordered home to Elgin, but not able for removal, seems dying; and at present supported by Elgin Parish. Since received a legacy of £20. Three children.
118. R. M'Carthy, 1 Fountain Close.—Seems to be very destitute, has been in delicate health for the last three years. Food granted March 1877, also in November 1877. Food, clothing, and boots in February 1879. Girl attends school well. Parish pays fees, and offered her the House. Weekly income, 4s. One child.	118. R. M'C.—Child gets soup-tickets. Jane in Dalry Reformatory, 16 years of age. Drunk when visited; well-known case; offered Poor-house; house a hovel; not deserving. Two children. Earnings, 4s. 6d.
119. M. Robertson, 6 Advocates' Close.—Lives in a miserable hovel along with her mother. Boy, Edward, aged 10 years, is a nephew and an orphan, and is often away from school. Food tickets might induce him to attend more regularly, as he is ill-fed and neglected. Mother earns about 7s. a week dealing in firewood. Two children. Weekly income, 7s. [Food granted February 1879.]	119. M. R.—Children get tickets for free breakfasts and dinners. House should be condemned as uninhabitable. Neighbour says it is very suitable for its purpose, selling whisky on Sundays. Calls herself a hawker. See also No. 29.
120. S. Wheelan, Fountain Close.—A widow two years; sober and industrious; earns 7s. per week as a paper-bag maker. City Parish grants 3s. a week and school fees. Children absent from school through want of clothing. They received boots from parish October 1878. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two February 1879. Three children. Weekly income, 10s.	120. S. W.—On roll at 3s. a week, and reported very decent. She is out all day at work. Three children. Total weekly income, 13s.

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121. P. Scully, 352 Castle Hill.—Out of employment for fourteen weeks; was previously in ill health. Mother earns a little by washing. Children clean and regular at school. Came from England two and a half years ago. They received food in May 1878, and again in 1879. Two children. Income, 4s.	121. P. S.—Children in receipt of soup-tickets. Father, mason to occupation, only wrought four months during the year, used to earn £2 weekly; in no Society. Wife goes out washing. Settlement England; being only two and a half years in Scotland. Two children.
122. J. Wilson, 1 Milne's Court.—Has been out of employment for some months; their only means of subsistence has been by selling articles of furniture, clothing, etc., nothing left but their bed; they also support the wife's mother, who is bed-ridden. Lately applied to the parish on behalf of the old woman, and was granted 2s. as casual relief. Granted food, clothing, and boots to two children February 1879. Four children. No income at present.	122. J. W.—Dock labourer or sailor. Wife had 6s. a week from St. Cuthbert's whilst husband was away in search of work; stopped three weeks ago. Children, soup-tickets and clothing from Association. Mr. W. says it would be a disgrace for any Board to help this family, as they can help themselves Two children.
123. W. Fraser, 1 Milne's Court.—Lost his situation some time ago; at present working at firelight factory: house stript of all furniture; mother and children clean and tidy; children absent from school for want of clothing; clothing granted to one child February 1879. Three children. Mother earns 6s. per week. [Since reported, this man has deserted his family and is said to be living with another woman somewhere in Edinburgh.]	123. W. F.—This man is living with another woman in Edinburgh; children have soup-tickets; wife chargeable meantime at 6s., and claim on Dundee; good character; she goes out washing and cleaning. Two children.
124. R. Keith, 1 South Gray's Close, now 1 Milne's Court.—Has been able to work but very little for the last 12 months from rheumatism. Mother takes a day's washing when she can get it. Income: Jessie, 7s.; Elizabeth, 3s.; James, 2s.; Parish, 3s. Total, 15s. Five children. Food granted to two children February 1879.	124. R. K.—Husband, Robert Keith, a blacksmith; has been out of employment for eighteen months; has rheumatisms; has 3s. a week from St. Cuthbert's; Jessie (25) allows 8s. a week for her board; Elizabeth (16) and James (15) not working; two at school; get breakfasts and dinners. Five children.
125. J. Irvine, 8 Buchanan Street.—Has been out of employment for seven weeks; also his eldest daughter (19); a nephew (13) earns 3s. 6d., which is all the income at present.	125. J. I.—Not found.

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The children are much in need of food and clothing. Granted food, clothing, and boots to two March 1879. Seven children. Income 3s. 6d. per week.	
126. H. F. Smith, Campbell's Close.—Husband imbecile, in Poorhouse at present; she has a son in the "Mars" and another in the Industrial Brigade. Food much required for girl (9). Clothing and fees granted by parish. No income. Mother ill. Food granted to one in January 1879.	126. H. F. S.—Husband in Poorhouse; boy, William, in "Mars;" child, soup-tickets; school-fees paid by Board, also lately allowed clothing. Two children. Income 4s. 6d.
127. J. Dignan, 28 Cant's Close.—Both parents intemperate and worthless: all the children are grossly neglected. William (15) is in the Infirmary: they are in great poverty. Total income, 7s. Father at present unwell. Six children. Food granted to one child January 1879.	127. J. D.—Idle since September; two children get soup-tickets; William, message boy, 6s.; James, 4s. 6d. This is the whole income, and said to be starving. Labourer to occupation. Six children. Total income, 10s. 6d.
128. J. Duffy, 12 Leith Street Terrace.—Met with an accident five weeks ago; has been in Infirmary, now in Convalescent Home. The family is much in need of food, and cannot go to school from want of clothing. Four children; no income. Food, clothing, and boots granted 1879.	128. J. D.—Lamplighter; got soup-tickets and clothing for children; been in Infirmary for six weeks, dislocated ankle, in no society, now at work. Four children. Income, 22s.
129. W. Glass, 4 South Foulis Close.—A drunken, lazy, bad character; often deserts his family; is stepfather to the two elder children, aged 12 and 10; at present working with the unemployed at 1s. per day. The mother is a clean, decent person, and has a great struggle to bring up her children. Charles (12) in Industrial Brigade. Alexander (10) received food, clothing, and boots February 1879. Now at school. Offered the Poorhouse. Five children. Income 6s. per week.	129. W. G.—Case repeatedly offered Poorhouse; bad character; lazy; old soldier; imprisoned for assaulting wife. Five children. Earnings, 1s.
130. C. Lochrie, 1 Writer's Court.—Out of regular employment all winter (drainer). Earns about 7s. per week; food, clothing, and boots granted to two January 1879. Four children.	130. C. L.—Not found.
131. A. M'G. M'Farlane, 10 Advocates' Close.—Applied to School Board to allow Mary Ann	131. A. M'G. M'F.—Helen (19) at home, not employed; Cathe-

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to leave Day and go to an Evening school; refused, owing to girl's age (11) and education. Mother pled poverty; character doubtful; prosecuted for sending her children out to sell papers during prohibited hours. Three children. Food granted at present to two children January 1879.	rine, a millworker in Dundee; Thomas, son, not heard of for nine years; she works in the nurseries; wages uncertain; case has been offered Poorhouse; unsatisfactory. Two children.
132. M. Hardie, 1 Simpson's Court.—Husband died suddenly on the streets about eighteen months ago. She seems a decent person; has 4s. per week from the parish of New Monkland, and earns about 5s. sewing. Children in want of food; food granted to two, February 1879. Four children.	132. M. H.—Pauper on roll of New Monkland Parish at 4s. weekly; soup-tickets for two at school; sews and earns 5s. weekly; decent case. Four children.
133. J. Doonan, 2 Cuddy Lane.—Has been out of employment for the last eleven weeks; is breaking stones with the unemployed at 1s. per diem. Catherine (15) out of work. Agnes (6) granted food and clothing February 1879. Four children. Income, 6s.	133. J. D.—Slater's labourer; says he has been idle for five months; commenced work last week. Catherine (18) earns 4s. 6d. weekly in rag store; soup-tickets for girl aged 6 years. Dirty house. Total income, 22s. 6d.
134. J. S. Robertson, 1 Advocates' Close.—Husband in jail for six months for ill-using his wife; she is at present sewing for Association at 3s. 6d. per week. Boy destitute of food and clothing, and unfit to appear in any school. Both parents appear to be bad. One child. [Food, clothing, and boots, granted to boy February 1879.]	134. J. S. R.—Laundry worker. Husband in prison six months for assaulting her; well-known Poorhouse case; settlement, Ireland. Both parents previously in desertion; gets soup-tickets. One child.
135. J. Kelly, 7 Fountain Close.—Wife dead; he has no house, but lives in lodgings; worked with the late Bailie Methven for the last twenty years; has been idle all winter; is working for the town clearing snow off the streets at 1s. per day. Offered the Poorhouse. Children are much neglected and in rags. Two children; received food, clothing, and boots February 1879.	135. J. K.—Visited four times; always out; neighbours say he is a labourer, and appears to be fully employed.
136. M. Rielly, 7 Fountain Close.—Man often idle, earns about 10s. weekly; Catherine, aged 19 years, out of work; Mary, aged 16 years, earns 3s. 6d.; one boy in "Mars" ship. Father also keeps a grandchild, aged 7 years, an orphan; would be thankful if food were allowed to the children of school age. Income, 13s. 6d. Five children. [Food granted to three, March 1879.]	136. M. R.—Labourer; wages not given. Catherine earns 7s. weekly, Mary 3s. 6d.; William in "Mars;" has soup-tickets. Neighbours say this man should get on without any charity; one girl idle. Three children; earnings, 3s. 6d.

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CASES REFERRED TO ST. CUTHBERT'S PAROCHIAL BOARD FOR INVESTIGATION.

CLASS I.

TRUANT AND REFRACTORY CHILDREN, whose Parents are able, and in many cases willing, to provide education for them, and to pay for it.

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1. MICHAEL JUDGE, 191 Canongate.—Philip, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in January 1879, and stated that he could not control his boy, and wished to have him sent to an Industrial School. Case delayed. Boy running on the streets dirty and neglected, and has no education.	1. M. J.—Scavenger, 22s. per week; one child, aged 8 years, plays truant; father offers 2s. per week for board in Industrial School.
2. JAMES HODGES, Campbell's Close.—Jessie, aged 12 years; Elizabeth, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in December 1875; for some time the children were at Ramsay Lane Industrial School as day-scholars. The mother is very intemperate, and the family all along has been neglected.	2. J. H.—Lamplighter, 22s. per week; four children, one, aged 20 years, idle; one, aged 15 years, earns 3s. 9d. per week; two, aged 13 and 10 years, at school.
3. THOMASINA REID, 4 Hill Place.—George, aged 12 years. This woman was before the Board in June 1877 and November 1877; and before the Sheriff in December 1877, and sent to prison for eight days. Seems weak in mind and body. Received out-door relief from St. Cuthbert's Parish. Boy was to be sent to the "Mars," but was rejected by the doctor. Was reported to St. Cuthbert's Parish, who could do nothing, as they had no power to detain him in the workhouse. Boy has no education, and has not been at school for twelve months.	3. T. R.—Housewife; three children, aged 17, 15, and 13 years, earning 9s., 5s., and 2s. respectively; youngest weakly; attends school partially.
4. MARTIN KELLY, 6 West Port.—Martin, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board in May 1877, April 1878, November 1878, and May 1879. His wife is dead, and he has no house of his own; lives in a common lodging-house, and is at work all day; was for some time in the Infirmary, and his boy in St. Cuthbert's Poorhouse. The boy has	4. M. K.—Labourer, lazy, and not inclined to work; says he earns 1s. 6d. per day when he can get work; has been in the Poorhouse; one child, aged 12 years, not at school, —want of clothing.

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been very little at school for three years, is allowed to run the streets dirty and neglected. Father anxious to have him sent to an Industrial School, and is willing to pay for him; has no education.	
5. Mary H. Lavan, 26 West Port.—Patrick, aged 11 years. This woman was before the Board in February 1878, and also before the Committee on Destitute and Neglected Children. Boy, Patrick, will not settle at school, mother says he is quite beyond her control. Total income of the family in 1878, including 5s. from St. Cuthbert's Parish, was 25s. per week.	5. M. H. L.—Charwoman, 2s. per day when working, and 5s. per week from parish; seven children; one, aged 18 years, earns 5s. 6d.; one, aged 14 years, 3s. 6d. per week; one, aged 12 years, truant; two, aged 9 and 7 years, at school; two under age.
6. James Fullerton, 2 Main Point.—Robert, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in June 1875, March 1876, November 1876, February 1877, and March 1879, and before the Sheriff, November 1876; none of this man's family has got any education; one of his boys sent to Dalbeath Reformatory, and one to the "Mars." He seems weak in mind and body, and has no control over his children; takes periodical fits of drinking; wife was also intemperate, now dead; boy neglected, and has no education.	6. J. F.—Cobbler; says he earns only 5s. per week; three children,—one, aged 18 years, earns 16s.; one, aged 12 years, in "Mars;" one, aged 10 years, irregular at school; want of boots.
7. William Robertson, 4 Gilmore Park.—Joshua, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in December 1877, April 1878, January 1879, and February 1879, and before the Sheriff in May 1878, and fined 10s., and 20s. expenses; was again before the Sheriff February 1879, and fined 20s., and 20s. expenses. Boy has no education; has only attended school a few weeks this session; parents careless, mother intemperate; boy beyond control.	7. W. R.—Carter, 20s. per week; four children,—one, aged 19 years, idle; two, aged 16 and 14 years, earning 7s. and 5s. 6d. respectively; and one, aged 11 years, at school.
8. James Michael, 4 Mackenzie Place.—James, aged 10 years. The mother of the boy is dead, and the father seems very careless. Boy has little education, and is allowed to run about the streets in a very neglected state. Only attended school fourteen days from September 1878 to 24th January 1879. Father before the Board in January 1879, and before the Sheriff January 1879, fined 5s., and 20s. expenses. [Boy has since been sent to Dr. Robson's school, and is attending fairly.]	8. J. M.—Grain and cattle dealer; one child at school, pays 16s. per quarter.

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9. Robert Strachan, 7 Whitebank.—John, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board in December 1876 and May 1879. The boy has been little at school this session, 22½ days, and has not passed the Second Standard. Seem respectable people; mother very indulgent,—boy careless.	9. R. S.—Clerk, 30s. per week; six children,—one, aged 20 years, 25s. 6d. per week; one, aged 14 years, delicate; two, aged 12 and 6 years, unwell; one, aged 9 years, at school; one under age.
10. Andrew Forsyth, 3 Castle Barns.—James, aged 11 years; Henry, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board January 1876, December 1876, and May 1879. He is stepfather to the eldest boy; an older boy, also a stepson, was sent under warrant to Ramsay Lane Industrial School. Family has been very troublesome for four years. During the present session the boys have not attended half time; have little education, and are allowed to run about neglected.	10. A. F.—Mason, 6d. per hour; three children,—two, aged 12 and 7 years, at school; one under age.
11. Mrs. Smith, 8 Freer Street.—William, aged 11 years; Robert, aged 7 years. This woman was before the Board in October 1875 and November 1877. The family have all along been very much neglected. They were at St. Cuthbert's Industrial School, but dismissed for irregular attendance. Boys play truant, and the mother is careless. Receives out-door relief from St. Cuthbert's Parish.	11. W. S.—Outworker, 2s. per day when employed, and 3s. from the parish for two youngest children; five children, three, aged 21, 18, and 15 years, idle; two, aged 12 and 6 years, at school.
12. Robert Johnston, 4 Murdoch Terrace.—John, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in April 1878. Parents very careless about the education of their children, who are left in charge of an elder sister, who seems to have no control over them. Boy has been very little at school.	12. R. J. — Labourer, idle; five children,—three, aged 31, 18, and 16 years, idle; one, aged 13 years, earns 4s. per week; one, aged 9 years, at school.
13. Alexander Cook, 24 Grove Place.—Andrew, aged 12 years. This man was before the Board February 1879; parents careless, and seem to take very little interest in the education of their children. The boy Andrew will not settle at school; continually running about the streets, and has very little education.	13. A. C.—Labourer; 17s. per week. Seven children, two (24 and 20) idle, two (16 and 14) earn 5s. and 4s. per week respectively; three (13, 10, and 7) at school.
14. William Sutherland, 3 Canonmills.—William, aged 12 years. This man was before the	14. W. S.—Labourer, idle. Six children: one (16) earns 8s

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Board November 1878 and February 1879. Boy will not settle at school; runs about the streets when sent by his parents, who have several times brought him to school. Lately Board passed the boy for evening school, owing to poverty of parents.	per week; one (14) idle; two (12 and 10) at school; one (8) absent from want of boots; one (6) delicate.
15. Mrs. Duguid, 7 Simpson's Court.—Fred, aged 9 years. This woman was before the Board in November 1875, January 1876, March 1877, and April 1878; and before the Sheriff June and July 1878. An elder boy, 11 years, sent to Leith Industrial School November 1878. Mother bad; sets a bad example before her family. Boy Fred following his brother, and will not settle at school; has little or no education.	15. W. D.—Keeps a mangle, earnings uncertain; 5s. per week from parish. Five children. One (14) idle; two (9 and 7) at school; two under age.
16. Francis Drake, 15 Beaver Bank.—Robert, aged 10; George, aged 8. This man was before the Board in November 1878 and February 1879; also before the Sheriff February 1879, and fined 10s., and 20s. expenses. Children will not settle at school; only attended 2½ days since September, and are still absent. Were taken to school on each occasion by parents. Children have no education, never having passed any Standard.	16. F. D.—Butler; idle. Two children (10 and 8), will not attend; father willing to pay.
7. Charles Fortune, Moray Street.—Thomas, aged 12 years. This man was before the Board in January 1876, on which occasion an elder girl was sent, under warrant, to an Industrial School. Boy has only attended a few weeks this session, and has very little education, only having passed the First Standard. Mother dead. Father living with another woman. Family neglected.	17. C. F.—Labourer; 3s. a day when working. Three children (13, 11, and 8), at school.
18. Albert Grove, Broughton Court.—John Inglis, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in January 1879 and March 1879. Boy has very little education, only having passed Second Standard; attended 37 days since September 1878. Parents say they cannot get the boy to attend school, though brought on several occasions. Grove is boy's step-father.	18. A. G.—Brushmaker; declined to give income. Three children; one (15) idle; one (10) delicate, one (8) at school.
19. Mary Feelie or Maillia, Big Jack's Close.—Mary Ann, aged 11 years. The father of this girl was before the Board in June 1877,	19. M. F., or M.—Fish hawker; earns 4s. per week. Five children; two (22 and 20)

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and in April 1878, and November 1878; was also before the Sheriff July 1878, and sent to prison for 7 days; during the end of 1878 got 3 months' imprisonment for shebeening; and at the time he died his wife was in prison for shebeening. Both parents were given to intemperance, and the girl, Mary Ann, very much neglected; was several times away from home for nights; is sure to fall into crime. She has no education.	idle; three (12, 8, and 6) at school.

CLASS II.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN whose Parents are able to provide for them, but do not.

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20. John Reid, 31 Canongate.—John, aged 10 years. This man was before the Board in November 1877, January 1878. Boy very much neglected, and seems to be kept at home to look after younger children; he has no education.	20. J. R.—Blacksmith, 23s. a week, 4 children; two, aged 11 and 8 years, at school, two under age.
21. Peter M'Ginn, 31 Canongate.—Patrick, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board in May 1875 and June 1877; he is very intemperate and neglects his family, and deserts them occasionally. Two children over 13 years of age have little or no education; an elder boy was remitted from the Police Court, and sent to the "Mars." Patrick has little or no education, and is allowed to run the streets in a miserable state of filth and rags.	21. P. M'G.—Shoemaker, 12s. per week; five children; one, aged 21 years, a soldier; one, aged 16 years, idle; one, aged 15 years, in Mars Training Ship; one, aged 14 years, earns 4s. a week; one, aged 9 years, at school.
22. Daniel Luke, Campbell's Close.—Dugald, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board in May 1875, November 1876, and November 1877, January 1878. This family has all along been very much neglected; a girl over 13 years of age has little or no education. Boy Dugald seems to be weak-minded; no effort is made for his improvement.	22. D. L—Cooper, 25s. per week; six children; one, aged 14 years, earns 3s. a week; one, aged 12 years, weak-minded; two, aged 9 and 6 years, at school; two under age.

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23. Daniel Kane, Tolbooth Wynd.—Robert, aged 11 years. Father of this family before the Board May 1877, is very intemperate; wife seems sober and industrious; she goes to work to assist the family, and the children are left all day to do as they like; Robert is so irregular at school that he receives little or no education. Father takes no interest in the welfare of his family.	23. D. K.—Labourer, 18s. a week; two children; one, aged 12 years, plays truant; one, aged 10 years, at school.
24. James Brown, Bakehouse Close.—James, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in February 1879, is very much given to intemperance, and neglects his family; boy has only been 5 days at school this session, and has no education. [On the last occasion before the Board, May 1879, he was ordered to be prosecuted.]	24. J. B.—Tailor, idle, very unsteady, and takes no interest in his family; six children; one, aged 17 years, earns 9s. per week; three, aged 12, 8, and 6 years, at school; one, aged 9 years, plays truant; one under age.
25. Margaret D. Wilson, Bakehouse Close.—Charles, aged 11 years. This woman was before the Board in March 1875, and again in March 1879, is deserted by her husband some years ago, has no house of her own, lives with her father. She is given to intemperance, and otherwise not good; was in Poorhouse; several times assisted by the Committee on Destitute and Neglected Children. Boy Charles has very little education, but since he received clothing he has attended school regularly.	25. M. D. W.—Charwoman, nursing an illegitimate child; deserted by husband about six years ago; earnings uncertain; three children; one, aged 12 years, plays truant; wishes him to be sent to an Industrial School; two, aged 10 and 7 years, at school.
26. Thomas Hearty, Bull's Close.—Thomas, aged 10 years, and Jane, aged 8 years, was before the Board in March 1877; both parents go out to work, and leave their children dirty and neglected; they have been little at school during the last two sessions, generally suffering from sore eyes and sore heads caused by neglect; altogether a most neglected family; father in constant employment. Both parents intemperate.	26. T. H.—Tobacco-pipe maker, 18s. per week, very unsteady; five children; two earn 15s. 6d.; one, aged 11 years, not at school, neglect of parents; one, 8 years, at school; one under age.
27. Bernard Fee, Panmure Close.—Thomas, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in May 1874; an elder boy was sent to the United Industrial School; his wife is dead; he is somewhat intemperate, and his family has all along been very much neglected.	27. B. F.—Scavenger, 22s. per week; two children; one, aged 11 years, in Ragged School; one, aged 7 years, plays truant, being uncontrolled.
28. Ann W. Black, Long Close.—John, aged 11 years, William, aged 9 years. This woman was before the Board in November 1878,	28. A. W. B.—Charwoman; in prison three times during the last two years; for disorderly conduct

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and before the Sheriff in December 1878 and January 1879; she bears a very questionable character and is often in prison; the children are left to run about the streets very neglected.	earns about 7s. per week, and her father allows her 2s. 6d. per week; three children; one, aged 13 years, earns 3s. 6d. per week; two, aged 11 and 8 years, at school.
29. THOMAS M'LAREN, 38 New Street.—Janet, aged 12 years. This man was before the Board in July 1878, and also before the Sheriff, and sent 10 days to prison, is very intemperate, and ill-uses his wife and family; contributes nothing towards their support; works about the flesh-market; for some time hasn't lived with them. Since the family was assisted by the Committee on Destitute and Neglected Children, the girl attends school regularly. One daughter delicate.	29. T. M'L.—Labourer, does not provide for his children nor reside with them; wife a charwoman; two children; one, aged 14 years, earns 4s. a week; one, aged 12 years, at school.
30. ROBERT STEIN, 2 Dunbar Street.—Robert, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in May 1877, March 1879, and before the Sheriff March 1879, and sent 14 days to prison; both parents intemperate; often leave their children for days and nights at home. The boy, Robert, has been much neglected, and has been at three different schools during the session (Protestant and Roman Catholic); only attended a day or two at each; no education.	30. R. S.—Carter, idle; three children; two, aged 11 and 9 years, at school, but not very regular; one under age.
31. JOHN COWIE, 5 Thornybauk.—Catherine, aged 9 years, and John, aged 11 years. This man was before the Board on February 1879, also before the Sheriff and sent 8 days to prison. Parents are very disorderly and ill-doing people, take no interest in their children's education; girl was a few weeks at Thornybauk School during the present session, without books, and no fees were paid; does not know the alphabet, and is much neglected.	31. J. C.—Carter, 20s. a week; wife earns 4s. per week by selling fish; three children; one, aged 13 years, plays truant; one at school; one under age.
32. JAMES SWEENEY, 123 West Port.—Catherine, aged 11 years, Peter, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board February 1878. The intemperance of the mother seems to be the chief cause of the children's non-attendance at school. They are very much neglected, and have no education.	32. J. S.—Scavenger, 22s. per week; six children; two (21 and 22) idle; one (18) earns 4s. per week; three (12, 10, and 6) at school.
33. JOHN KING, 127 WEST PORT.—Ellen, aged 11 years. Was before the Board in June 1878. Both parents intemperate, and	33. J. K.—Blacksmith, idle; lately chargeable to this parish, and has been several times in jail.

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totally neglect the education of their family. The girl Ellen is only in the First Standard.	Three children; two (11 and 6) neglected by parents; one under age.
34. Michael Nolan, 28 West Port. — Mary, aged 11 years, ; Martin, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in March 1877; both parents intemperate; children have often sore heads, caused by filth and neglect. They have little or no education.	34. M. N.—Labourer; 18s. a week; wife, 3s. a week; seven children; two (19 and 16) earn 4s. each; one (14) idle; two (11 and 8) at school; two under age.
35. Henry Rankine, 3 Castle Barns.—James, agep 11 years; Mary, aged 9 years; Clementina, aged 7 years. This man was summoned before the Board in January 1879. Parents seem very careless, especially the mother, who is supposed to hide the real state of matters from the father. Children are not half time at school. Have often sore heads, caused by neglect.	35. H. R.—Carter; 21s. a week; four children; three (10, 9, and 7) at school; one (5) delicate.
36. James Cunningham, 5 Spence's Place.—Mary, aged 11 years; and Jane, aged 6 years. The father of this family was before the Board in June 1878 and February 1879, and the Sheriff March 1879; fined 5s., and 20s. expenses. Children are most irregular in their attendance at school. Girl Mary has not passed Second Standard. The father goes out to work, and the mother to hawk fish. Children left at home in a very neglected state.	36. J. C.—Causewaylayer; 20s. a week; wife hawks fish; four children; one (15) idle; two (12 and 6) not at school. Parents being very dissipated, neglect to send them. One under age.
37. Robert Weston, 1 Freer Street Terrace.—Robert, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in June 1875, and the Sheriff July 1875; fined 20s., and 20s. expenses; again before the Board November 1877, July 1878, and March 1879; also before the Sheriff, and sent 14 days to prison. His wife has been an invalid for years; was for some time in the Infirmary; has no one to look after the family. During the time the father was in prison, his eldest son (15) was sent to a Reformatory. Boy Robert will not settle at school, and is very much neglected; no education.	37. R. W.—Mason; was idle for four months, but now working; wife bedridden for years; four children; one (16) idle; two (13 and 10) sometimes absent from school for want of clothes; one under age.
38. Mrs. M'Donald, 23 Orwell Place.—Margaret, aged 10 years. This woman was before the Board in March 1878. [Again in March 1879, and before the Sheriff in March 1879; she	38. L. M.—Dressmaker, earning 6s. per week; two children (10 and 15) at school.

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failed to appear. The case was delayed till the 10th of April, again delayed till 8th May. She seems quite determined not to send her girl to school. She was absent during the whole session till the 10th of April; has very little education. Mother seems respectable.]	
39. James Barr, Baker's Land.—Matthew, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in January 1878, and also before the Sheriff in January, February, and March 1878; dismissed with an admonition, as he had taken the boy several times to school during that period. Both parents intemperate; their home is very wretched and dirty. The boy will not settle at school, and has no education. Father blames the mother and the mother the father, as to the cause of the child's non-attendance.	39. J. B.—Stableman, idle; two children; 1 (20) a cabman, one (9) at school.
40. Daniel Neason, Baker's Land. — Rachel, aged 8 years. This man was before the Board in November 1876 and February 1877, and before the Sheriff March 1877; sent 14 days to prison. Both parents intemperate; family has been several times assisted by the Committee on Neglected Children. Girl Margaret, who has just passed 13, has little or no education. Children have been for years much neglected.	40. D. N.—Labourer, idle; wife, a charwoman; four children; one (15) idle; three (11, 7, and 5) not at school; unable to pay fees, etc.
41. William Purves, 9 Bedford Street.—Robert, aged 9 years. This man before the Board in April 1874, March 1875, October 1875, February 1876; also before the Sheriff February 1876; sent to prison for 14 days. He is a worthless, drunken character, and neglects his wife and family. Boy Robert has not been sent to school this session, but is kept at home to look after younger children while the mother goes out to work for them. Children above age never attended school except when with their grandfather. Robert at present is unfit to attend school from neglect.	41. W. P. — Blacksmith, idle; frequently in the Poorhouse; wife a charwoman; four children; one (15) earns 5s. a week; one (8) not at school, unable to pay fees, etc.; one (6) at Heriot's School; one under age.
42. William Hardie, 26 Veitch's Square.—Alfred, aged 11 years. Summoned before the Board in March 1878 and January 1879; also before the Sheriff in January; failed to appear; warrant granted; officers failed to find him; supposed to have gone to Glasgow.	42. W. H.—Combmaker, idle; wife a charwoman; five children; one, aged 18 years, earns 5s.; one, aged 14 years, idle; three, aged 10, 7, and 5 years, at school.

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Wife and children still in Edinburgh. Husband given to intemperance, and neglects his family. Boy Alfred has not passed the First Standard.	
43. Robert Tait, 3 St. Bernard's Place.—Jane, aged 10 years; Ellen, aged 9 years. This man was before the Board in December 1874, November 1875; before the Sheriff November 1875; fined 5s., and 20s. of expenses; again before the Board in January 1878; sent to the Sheriff in January 1878 and got 14 days' imprisonment. The children have all along been neglected owing to the mother's intemperance. Children suffering from sore heads and illness caused by neglect. They have little or no education.	43. R. T.—Jobbing shoemaker, earnings uncertain; four children; one, aged 14 years, earns 4s. per week; two, aged 11 and 9 years, not at school, being unwell; one under age.
44. Alexander Miller, 3 St. Bernard's Place.—Robert, aged 12 years. This man was before the Board in July 1878 and November 1878; on the latter occasion the case was delayed with the view of having the boy sent to the "Mars," as the parents stated that he was on the verge of crime, and that they could not get him to settle at school; it was found that there was no charge against the boy. They were again brought before the Board in January 1879, and before the Sheriff in January 1879. Case was dismissed, as they produced a medical certificate that the boy was unfit to attend school at that time; he has little or no education, and has been little at school for the last two sessions. Both parents seem to be intemperate, especially the mother. [The Officer is of opinion that the Parochial Board visited Miller's brother, who is a painter, instead of Alexander, who is a slater.]	44. R. M.—Painter, idle; four children; one, aged 18 years, earns 7s. a week; three, aged 12, 10, and 8 years, at school.
45. Thomas Smith, 29 St. Leonard Street.—Margaret, aged 9 years; Mary, aged 7 years. Was before the Board on January 1879 and February 1879. The mother is delicate; father little in employment; children have been little at school this session, and are very much neglected; father seems to be careless.	45. T. S.—Labourer, not regularly employed; wife very delicate; two children; one, aged 8 years, at school; one, aged 6 years, not at school; unable to pay fees, etc.
46. Hugh Livingstone, 54 West Richmond Street.—Charlotte, aged 10 years. Was before the Board in July 1878 and November 1878, also before the Sheriff in December 1878,	46. H. L.—Labourer, 4d. per hour; two children; one, aged 14 years, earns 5s. per week; one, aged 9 years, at school.

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and sent three days to prison. Girl Charlotte very much neglected; she has not passed the First Standard.	
47. William Grieve, 18 North Richmond Street.—Alexander, aged 12 years. The father of this boy, owing to his occupation, is never at home during the day, and the mother has all the appearance of being of intemperate habits; mother was before the Board in January 1878, and stated that the boy was beyond control. An elder boy was in the "Mars." Alexander is neglected, having only passed the Second Standard.	47. W. G.—Railway Guard, 27s. a week; three children; two, aged 17 and 15 years, earn 4s. each; one, aged 12 years, at school.
48. William Anderson, 137 St. Leonard Street.—Alice, aged 12 years; William, aged 9 years. Before the Board in February 1877, and the Sheriff in March 1877; failed to appear; was apprehended on 7th April, and fined 10s., and 20s. expenses. The children have been neglected for years, and have little education; parents are very careless, and seem to be intemperate.	48. W. A.—Typefounder, average wages 16s. per week, on account of dull trade; two children, aged 12 and 9 years at school.

CLASS III.

The CLASS of DESTITUTE CHILDREN. This List varies very much; the Parents being often in *merely temporary* poverty. The following are those at present in the Officer's Books under this head.

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49. Andrew Robertson, 9 Abbey Strand.—Out of work for 8 months. Wife lately confined. Family in great poverty. Margaret (14) earns 2s. 6d. per week. Receives 4s. per week from the Glassblowers' Society. Three children. Total income, 6s. 6d. Food granted to one November 1878.	49. A. R.—Glasscutter. Idle for 8 months; 4s. per week from Trades' Union. Two children, one (14) with grandmother in Bathgate; one (9) not at school. Unable to pay fees, etc.
50. James Lee, 12 Campbell's Close.—An invalid for years. Children destitute of clothing. Was assisted by the Association in October 1876 and November 1877. Parish offered	50. J. L.—Upholsterer. An invalid. 6s. per week from this parish. Six children; one (18) earns 7s. per week; three (13, 9,

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the House. Total earnings—William, 4s.; from St. Cuthbert's Parish, 8s. Five children. Food and clothing granted to two children November 1878.	and 6) at school; two under age.
51. James Melville, 191 Canongate.—In ill health since July last. Children are absent from school from want of clothing. Has no parish relief; applied last winter and refused, but offered the House. Two children (16 and 14) earn 7s. 6d. and 5s. respectively; two (10 and 6); two under five years of age. Clothing and boots granted to two children, who are now regular at school.	51. J. M.—Shop porter; 5s. per week from this parish, being disabled by bronchitis. Six children; two (18 and 15) earn 9s. and 5s. per week respectively; two (12 and 7) at school; two under school age.
52. Margaret Nicholson, 9 Little Jack's Close.—A widow. Decent, hard-working person. Assisted by Association each year since 1874. Husband died in Royal Asylum in 1875. Earns 3s. per week. Two children (15 and 13) earn 3s. and 4s. respectively; from Parish 3s. per week. Total income, 13s. Five children. Food granted to two children, 1878.	52. M. N.—Fish hawker. Average earnings 4s. per week; 3s. per week from City Parish. Five children; two (16 and 14) earn 3s. each; two (12 and 7) at school; one under age.
53. W. Toolin, labourer, 169 Canongate.—A rough, violent man; at present in jail for eight months for assault. Sent 14 days to prison in 1875 for neglecting children's education; got 14 days again in 1878 for the same offence. Assisted by Association in 1875 and in 1876. Father contributes little or nothing toward the support of his family. Food granted to one child in 1878. Total income, 3s. 6d. Two children; one of school age.	53. T. W.—Mason. In jail. Two children; one (13) not at school—want of clothing; one (12) at school. Fees paid by self, but in arrear.
54. J. Green, street porter, 65 Leith Wynd.—Has been ill for ten months, and cannot work regular. One child (18) earns 6s. by selling firewood. Father earns 2s. 6d. per week. Child (11) destitute of clothing. House in a wretched state of dirt; they are in great poverty. Clothing and boots granted to one child in 1878, who is attending school.	54. J. G.—Labourer, idle. Applied for parochial relief, but was offered the Poorhouse. Two children; one (18) earns 6s. per week; one (11) at school.
55. J. M'Evoy, shop porter, Douglas Court.—Met with an accident three weeks ago; confined to bed. Wife breaks and hawks firewood. Child (14) earns 3s. per week. Two children (9 and 6) at school, but ill fed and clad. Food granted to two children in 1878.	55 J. M.—Labourer; 3s. per day when working. Three children; one (15) idle; two (9 and 6) at school.

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56. M. H. Stables, 5 Drummond Street.—A widow; seems a decent person. She cannot go out to work owing to her young children. Boy (11) destitute of clothing. Whole family in poverty. Earns about 2s. per week sewing. Had 7s. per week from St. Cuthbert's, now reduced to 6s. Total income, 8s. Four children. Food and clothing granted to two children in 1878.	56. M. H. S.—Charwoman. Earnings uncertain. 7s. per week from this parish. Four children; two (11 and 6) at school; two under age.
57. R. Haddow, 4 Union Court.—Saw-miller; is unable to work from ill health. The whole family is in great poverty, and destitute of clothing. The wife earns 2s. 6d. per week cleaning a house. A boy (12) is going to reside in Leith with an uncle. Barony Parish, in Glasgow, allows 5s. per week. Total income, 7s. 6d. Four children. [Husband has since died.]	57. J. K. H.—Housewife. Unfit for work. 5s. per week from Barony Parish, Glasgow. Three children; one (12) with an uncle in Leith; two (10 and 8) at school; two under age.
58. M. H. Moncur, 9 North Richmond Street.—A widow, and deformed. She sometimes has a lodger, but not at present. The children are much in want of food and clothing. Assisted by Association in 1877. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children in 1879. Total income, 7s. per week from St. Cuthbert's.	58. M. M.—Housewife. 2s. per week from a lodger, and 7s. per week from this parish. Four children; two (9 and 7) at school; two under age.
59. T. Craig, 30 West Richmond Street.—Met with an accident some time ago. Wife also in ill health. Girl (9) unable to attend school, owing to the poverty of the family. One under five years. Had 4s. per week from St. Cuthbert's. Stopped two weeks ago. Food and clothing granted 1879.	59. T. C.—Painter; at present only earning 6s. per week. Two children; one (9) not at any school. Unable to pay fees. One under age.
60. Patrick M'Queeny, labourer, 123 West Port.—Has been in ill health for three years, and not able to work regularly. Assisted by Association in 1876 and November 1877. Whole family are in a weakly state of health. Girl (15) earns 3s. 6d.; wife, and a girl (13), earn a little by selling firewood. Decent; in poverty. Food granted to two children 1878. Five children.	60. P. M.—Labourer, idle. Three children (10, 7, and 4) at school. Daughter earns 6s.
61. Ann Hart, 123 West Port.—Was never married. Very poor. Clean and industrious. Has four children (10, 6, 3, and 1); two are at school, but ill fed. Was assisted by Association 1876, 1877, and again in 1878.	61. A. H.—Sells firewood and fish. Average earnings, 6s. per week. Three children (11, 6, and 5); all at school.

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Has been confined to her house for some time through sickness. Food granted to two children in November.	
62. W. Arthur, 19 Clarence Street.—Has been unable to work for two years. Had 20s. per month from St. Cuthbert's Parish; withdrawn in October last, as he refused to go into the Poorhouse hospital. They offered to allow his wife 3s. per week for the two youngest children if he had gone into hospital. They are almost starving. Wife was also ill for 6 weeks. Boy (16) earns 7s., and one (14) 3s. 6d., total, 10s. 6d. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children 1878.	62. W. A.—Mason; wholly disabled; four children; two (18 and 15) earn 8s. and 5s. respectively; one (10) at school; one (8) not at school from want of boots. School fees, etc., paid by parish.
63. J. Brunton, 7 Baker's Land, quarryman.—Has been out of work for a long time, except a few days cleaning the streets, at 1s. per day. There are two families. Brunton by a former marriage had five children; one, aged 16 years, idle; one, aged 14 years, earns 2s. 6d. per week; one, aged 11 years, at school, delicate; one, 8, and two 5 years of age. Wife's family by a former marriage: three, aged 10, 8, and 4 years, and one by present marriage. Family in great poverty; applied for relief to St. Cuthbert's Parish; refused, but granted school fees for five children. Food granted in November 1878 for five children of school age.	63. J. B.—Labourer, at present working on streets at 1s. per day. Eight children; one, aged 11 years, not at school, chest complaint; five, aged 11, 9, 8, 5, and 5 years, at school, paid by parish; two under age.
64. J. Mitchel, 7 Bedford Street.—Family assisted by the Association in 1875; again in 1877. He is given to intemperance. During the past winter he was out of work, and the family nearly starving. Food was granted to three children, aged 12, 10, and 8 years, one of whom is above school age, and has gone to work. Was before the School Board for neglecting his children's education in 1876.	64. J. M.—Stableman, 20s. per week. Three children, aged 13, 10, and 8 years. All at school.
65. M. Hastie, 48 N. B. Canongate.—Has been assisted by Association in 1875, and again in 1877. A widow six years; earns about 2s. 6d. per week by her mangle. Decent and deserving. Boy, aged 16 years, idle; girl, aged 13 years, earns 2s. 6d.; St. Cuthbert's Parish, 4s. 6d. Total income, 9s. 6d. Five children, three of whom are at school. Food granted to three children, and clothing to one in 1878.	65. M. H.—Keeps a mangle; earnings uncertain; 4s. 6d. per week from parish. Five children; two, aged 16 and 14 years, 7s. and 3s. per week respectively; two, aged 9 and 7 years, at school; one, aged 5 years, not at school, having whooping-cough.

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66. A. Pinkerton, 6 St. John Street.—In delicate health, and the whole family in a state of starvation. Wife cleaned the Free Normal School, and earned 8s. per week, but unable to continue, not having proper support. Pinkerton's earnings don't average over 5s. per week. Poor, but deserving. Food granted to three children in 1878. There are five children, aged 10, 10, 7, 3, and 1 year.	66. A. P.—Shoemaker; average earnings 17s. per week. Four children; three, aged 11, 9, and 7 years, at school. The eldest not regular, being delicate; one under age.
67. J. Adams, 148 Pleasance.—Has been out of work for some months. Family in great poverty, and children destitute of clothing. Wife earns 7s. weekly, which is their sole income at present. Four children, aged 12, 11, 7, and 5 years. Food granted to three, and clothing, with boots, to one in 1878.	67. J. A.—Painter; out of employment for four months. Wife earns 7s. per week. Four children; three, aged 13, 11, and 8 years, at school; one, aged 6 years, not at school from want of clothing.
68. John M'Lean, labourer, 12 Cowan's Close.—Has been an invalid for some time, and is not likely to recover. Two children, of school age, are much in need of clothing. Five children; girl, aged 20 years, earning 6s.; and boy, aged 18 years, earning 5s 6d. per week; girl, aged 16 years, idle. Other two at school, aged 12 and 6 years. Destitute Sick Society grant 3s. per week; St. Cuthbert's Parish, 4s. 6d. per week. Total income 19s. Food granted to two children, and clothing to one in 1878.	68. J. W. M.—Housewife, 3s. from this parish. Five children; two, aged 21 and 19 years, earn 12s. 6d. and 10s. per week respectively; one, aged 15 years, at service; two, aged 13 and 7 years, at school.
69. J. Mack, 21 Hardwell Close.—Was assisted by the Association with food and clothing in 1877. Has been in ill-health for the last two years. Five children; boy, aged 12 years, allowed to attend an evening school; two, aged 10 and 7 years, at school; and two, aged 5 years and 6 months, not at school. The whole family is in poverty, as their whole income at present is 7s. per week from St. Cuthbert's Parish. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children in 1878.	69. J. M.—Labourer; wholly disabled from consumption; receives 10s. from this parish. Four children; one, aged 12, has passed School Board, but not commenced work; two, aged 11 and 8 years, at school; one, aged 6 years, not at school; neglect of parents.
70. T. Smith, 17 St. Patrick Square.—Is an old man, and seems to bear an indifferent character; lives apart from his family; allows his wife 8s. per week, for which she has to supply him with three meals per day. The Association granted food to four children in 1877. Wife seems decent, but appears to be of a nervous disposition and rather weak-minded. Six children; boy, aged 18 years,	70. T. S.—Shoemaker. Can earn a good wage, but is very unsteady. The family all live with their mother, who lives apart from her husband. Six children; one, aged 18 years, 8s. per week; four, aged 13, 10, 9, and 7 years, at school; one under age.

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earns 8s. per week; four at school, aged 12, 10, 8, and 7 years; one under age. Children are ill-fed. Food granted to four children, and clothing to one, in 1878. [Girl since left school, and is going to a situation.]	
71. A. Fraser, 145 St. Leonard Street.—The Association granted food and clothing to two children in 1877. Decent people. Has been out of work for some months. Takes an odd job when he can get it to do, and earns about 4s. per week; wife earns 6s. per week, washing. Four children, aged 10, 9, 6, and 4 years, three of whom are absent from school through want of food and clothing. Food, boots, and clothing granted to three in 1878. Total income 10s.	71. A. F.—Was a venetian-blind-maker, but has been unable for his trade for twelve months, but now earning a few shillings as a messenger, etc. Four children; three, aged 10, 9, and 6 years, regularly at school. Since supplied with clothing. One under age.
72. G. Fairbairn, 16 Grange Court.—Was assisted with clothing for three children by the Association in 1877. Seem sober people, but very poor, and children almost destitute of clothing. Five children; four, aged 12, 10, 9, and 6 years, at school, and one under age. Clothing and boots granted to two in 1878. Income 18s.	72. G. F.—Stableman; 18s. per week. Five children; four, aged 13, 11, 9, and 7 years, at school; one under age.
73. J. Young, 8 Hardwell Close.—Was lately proprietor of the "George Inn," Berwick-on-Tweed, but was unsuccessful in business, and removed to Edinburgh last summer. Has not got employment. Worked for some time at the Firelight Factory at 1s. per day. They are in great poverty, and the children destitute of clothing. There are five children, aged 10, 8, 5, 3, and 1 year. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three in 1878.	73. J. Y.—Porter, at present with the Association for the Relief of the Poor, at 1s. per day. Five children; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school, but fees in arrear. Two under age.
74. Ann Miller, 6 West Nicolson Street.—Has been in the Infirmary for the last two months; is now home convalescent; holds a medical certificate of inability to work. Two children (12 and 9). The elder one was passed for evening school, is working, and earns 2s. per week; the younger is destitute of clothing. Received 4s. per week from the Destitute Sick Society. Total income, 6s. Clothing granted to one boy 1878.	74. A. M.—Laundress; 2s. per day when working. Two children; one (14) idle; one (8) at school. Education paid by this parish.
75. Barbara K. Forrest, 3 Dalrymple Place.—Received food for three children from the Association in 1877. Family very poor. Five children. One (12) allowed by School Board to attend an evening class, and go to	75. B. K. F.—Housewife. 7s. 6d. per week from this parish; five children; one (13) earns 3s. per week; two at school; two under age.

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work; earns 3s. per week. Two (10 and 8) at school; two under age. St. Cuthbert's parish 7s. 6d. per week. Total income, 10s. 6d. Clothing and boots granted to two children 1878.	
76. Mary D. Sinclair, 20 Simon Square.—Received assistance of clothing from the Association in 1876, also food and clothing in 1877. A widow, unable to work, suffering from rheumatism. Her son William (18), who lives with her, is working in typefoundry half time, and earns 8s. per week. Girl (11) absent from school from want of clothing. There are other members of the family not living with her from whom she receives no assistance. Total income, 8s. per week. Clothing and boots granted to girl 1878.	76. M. D. S.—Housewife. Keeps house for son, a typefounder, earning 24s. per week when on full time. Other four children; one (21), typefounder, in lodgings; two (17 and 14), at service; one at school. Education paid by this parish.
77. W. Johnston, 6 Malloch's Close.—Was assisted by the Association in 1876, and is now employed by them at 6s. per week. A son (21) has been idle six months (brassfounder). One girl (12), delicate, and unable to attend school from want of boots. She received food and boots in 1878.	77. W. J.—Labourer, idle; lately chargeable to this parish. One child (12) at school.
78. W. Hogg, 191 Canongate.—Has been an invalid for the past seven years; decent. His wife earns 7s. per week washing. Very poor, and children much in need of food and clothing. Applied to St. Cuthbert's Parish for relief about twelve months ago; refused, but offered to send them to their own parish. Two children (12 and 10) received boots and food February 1879. Income, 7s., earned by wife.	78. W. H. — Poulterer 4s. per week from the parish of New Monkland. One child (11) at school.
79. M. M'Cormack, Morocco Close.—Deserted his family in 1874, and several times since that date, on which occasions his wife and children have gone into the City Poorhouse. They received food and clothing from Association in 1876. M'Cormack was prosecuted before the Sheriff, and sent 10 days to jail in December 1878. Food, boots, and clothing were granted to the two elder boys in January 1879. A few days after the articles were received, M'Cormack forced his wife to pawn them so as to obtain drink, for which he was sent to prison for 60 days by police magistrate. Previous to having	79. M. M.—Labourer; working on the streets at 1s. per day. Four children; two (11 and 9) at school; and two under age.

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received the clothing, the children were in rags and unfit to attend any school. Total income, about 6s. per week, earned by wife hawking fish.	
80. Janet Ferguson, 24 New Street.—Has been a widow 18 months. She is unable to get work. Children destitute of clothing. One boy (11) has not been able to attend school for years from a broken-out head. Has been assisted by the Destitute Sick Society with meal and coals occasionally. Food, clothing, and boots granted to girl (6) January 1879. Three children (11, 6, 1½). Total income, 1s. 6d. per week.	80. J. F.—Charwoman; earnings uncertain; offered Poorhouse by South Leith. Two children; one (13) not at school, being unwell; one (6) at school.
81. John Fannon, 6 Pleasance.—Stepfather to the children (Docherty), has been idle six months, except an odd job. Wife is in ill health. Children sell newspapers and earn about 4s. per week. They are much in want of food and clothing. There are two children (13 and 10) one of whom received food, boots, and clothing January 1879.	81. J. F.—Painter; idle. Two children; one (13) has left school, but has not commenced work; one (11) at school, but has attended very irregularly, even although the School Board have supplied them with food and clothing.
82. Mrs. Ellen Flyn, Logan's Close.—Has been a widow two years; respectable person. Her children sell newspapers after school hours. They are all very destitute of food and clothing. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children (9 and 7) in January 1879. Total income, 8s. St. Cuthbert's parish pays school fees, and offered them the Poorhouse.	82. W. F.—Charwoman; earnings uncertain. Four children, 13, 9, and 7, at school; one under age. Settlement, Ireland.
83. Margaret Allison, Douglas Court.—Widow two years. Whole family in great poverty. The children earn 3s. or 4s. weekly selling newspapers. They are much in need of food and clothing. 7s. 6d. and school fees from St. Cuthbert's Parish. Five children (11, 10, 8, 6, and 3), four of whom received food, boots, and clothing in January 1879.	83. M. A.—Charwoman; 5s. or 6s. per week; 7s. 6d. per week from this parish. Five children; four (12, 10, 9, and 7) at school; one under age.
84. John Gaffney, 1 Campbell's Close, Canongate.—Came lately from Dundee. Has a son aged 18 years, idle, and two grand-children aged 10 and 5 years, unable to attend school from want of food and clothing. Total income, 8s. per week, earned by J. G. selling firewood. Clothing and boots granted to one, aged 10 years, in January 1879.	84. J. G.—Sells firewood; earnings uncertain. One child, aged 11 years, at school. Education paid by this parish.

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85. Jane Gordon, 12 Orwell Place.—Husband died in London, March 1878, when she removed to Edinburgh to live with her mother, who died last November. Four children, aged 13, 8, 3, and 1 year; the eldest is an apprentice clerk and earns 2s. per week. She earns at present only 1s. per week, washing in the house. Girl, aged 8 years, unable to attend school from want of food and clothing. She received food, clothing, and boots in January 1879.	85. W. G.—Housewife; assisted by friends. Three children; one, aged 8 years, at school; two under age.
86. M. Moor, 16 Grange Court.—Was before the School Board for neglecting the boy John M'Intyre's (aged 10 years) education. His mother is a domestic servant, and pays M. M. 3s. per week for his board. He is very badly off for food and clothing. M. M. keeps lodgers, from whom she receives about 5s. per week. She is said to be given to intemperance. Food, boots, and clothing granted in January 1879.	86. M. M.—Keeps an illegitimate child, aged 10 years, and is paid 3s. per week for board, and 30s. yearly for clothing and school-fees.
87. Henry Tully, 5 Kay's Court.—Whole family are very poor, sober, industrious people. Has been unable to obtain regular employment. Children absent from school through want of food and clothing. Five children; four, aged 9, 7, 4, and 3 years, and one, aged 5 months, two of whom received food, boots, and clothing in January 1879. Income, 12s. per week.	87. H. T.—Labourer; 7s. 6d. per week from this parish. Five children; two, aged 9 and 8 years, at school; three under age, and are fed by School Board,[1] also supplied with clothing.
88. Ann L. Stewart, Kay's Court.—Husband has deserted his wife and family some time ago. There are three children; one, aged 17 years, earns 10s. per week; one, aged 14 years, 3s. per week; one, aged 9 years, absent from school from want of clothing. Total income, 13s. per week. The man Stewart is stepfather to the two elder boys, whose name is Cullin. Girl received clothing and boots in January 1879.	88. A. L. S.—Housewife; husband, a labourer, away in search of work. Three children; one, aged 17 years, allows mother 10s. per week; one, aged 14 years, idle; one, aged 9 years, at school.
89. Richard Fleming, 3 Shrub Hill.—Was called out with the Reserve Forces last year, and failed to get employment after his return, except working a short time for the city at 1s. per day. There are three children, aged 11, 4, and 2 years, and all badly off. Food and clothing is much required for the girl, aged 11 years. Food, clothing, and boots granted to one in January 1879.	89. R. F.—Painter; working on the streets at 1s. per day. Three children; one, aged 11 years, at school; two under age.

[1] See case 84, p. 19.

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90. William Stewart, 17 Murdoch Terrace.—Has been out of employment for some time. Six children, aged 12, 11, 8, 6, 5, and 1 year. One boy, aged 12 years, has been allowed to go to an evening school, and earns 6s. per week. The congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church gives them some meal weekly. They are in great poverty. Children much in need of clothing and food. Food granted to three children January 1879.	90. W. S.—Mason; idle. Six children; one, aged 12 years, earns 5s. per week; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school; two under age.
91. William Wardrope, 36 South Richmond Street.—Has been out of employment for the past six months, except an odd job. Was before the School Board on the 11th January 1879, for neglecting the education of his children. He pled the want of food and clothing as the cause of the neglect. Four children, aged 11, 9, 9, and 1 year. Case referred to Committee on Destitute and Neglected Children, and food, clothing, and boots granted to three in January 1879.	91. W. W.—Printer; was out of employment, but now working at his trade in Sheffield. Four children; three, aged 12, 9, and 9 years, at school, paid by parish; one under age.
92. William Johnston, 1 Morocco Close.—Has been out of work for some time lately, and is rather delicate. Applied to the Association for assistance in January 1878. Five children; four, aged 11, 9, 5, and 3 years; and one aged 2 months. At present the family is in great poverty, and the children are not regular at school from want of clothing. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in January 1879.	92. W. J.—Labourer; working on the streets at 1s. per day. Wife earns a few shillings. Five children; two, aged 13 and 10 years, at school; one, aged 7 years, unwell; two under age.
93. Stewart Miller, 35 New Street.—Has been out of work for several weeks, except a short time working for the city at 1s. per day. They have sold all their furniture to procure food. Four children, aged 6, 5, 4, and 1 year; very ill fed and clothed. Food, clothing, and boots granted to the two elder in January 1879.	93. S. M.—Labourer; working on the streets at 1s. per day. Four children; two, aged 6 and 5 years, at school; two under age.
94. Peter Law, 191 Canongate.—Had his leg broken three weeks ago. Wife is also delicate. Three children; one, aged 21 years, earns 6s.; one, aged 14 years, idle; and one, aged 12 years, at school, but much in need of food and clothing. Father at present in the Infirmary. Food and clothing granted to one, aged 12 years, in February 1879.	94. P. L.—Tailor; 4s. from the parish of Kelso. One child, aged 12 years, delicate,—attends school when able.

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95. Thomas Burnet, 9 Miller's Close.—Has been out of work for three months, except a few days employed by the city at 1s. per day, but had to give it up owing to the cold. Wife earns 3s. 6d. per week by delivering newspapers. Three children; one, aged 13 years, earns 4s. 6d.; two, aged 9 and 7 years, at school now, as food and clothing were granted to them in January 1879.	95. T. B.—Labourer, idle. Wife earns 2s. per day when working. Three children; one, aged 14 years, earns 3s. per week; two, aged 9 and 7, at school.
96. Matilda Hamel, 203 Canongate.—Hawker; is a widow, and earns about 2s. per week. Two children; one, aged 16 years, earns 3s. per week; one, aged 10 years, absent from school from want of food and clothing. Total income, 5s. Food, clothing, and boots granted in January 1879.	96. H.—Cannot be traced.
97. Margaret W. Crawford, Charles Street.—A widow; had two sons in the "Mars;" seems to have a hard struggle to get food for her children. She receives 5s. per week and school-fees from the Parish of St. Cuthbert's; also boots and stockings in December last. She earns 6s. Four children, aged 11, 9, and 6 years, and 10 months. Food granted to three in January 1879.	97. M. W. C.—Laundress; earnings uncertain; 5s. from St. Cuthbert's. Four children; three, aged 11, 9, and 6 years, at school. One under age.
98. Sarah Brown, 30 West Nicolson Street.—Charwoman; widow. Six children; one, aged 21 years, idle; one, aged 19 years, earns 7s. 6d.; one, aged 16 years, earns 6s. 6d.; three, aged 12, 10, and 7 years, at school, but very much in need of clothing. Decent woman; has 3s. per week from the parish of Kirkcaldy. Clothing and boots granted to three children in January 1879.	98. S. B.—Cannot be traced.
99. Ann M'Ewan, 78 West Port.—Was granted food for three children by Association in 1876 and 1877. Seems sober and decent; earns 8s. per week; had 5s. from the parish. Now reduced to 2s. 6d. and fees. Three children; one, aged 13 years, earns 2s. 6d.; one, aged 9 years, at school; Francis, aged 3 years, has since died. Food granted to one January 1879.	99. A. T. M.—Charwoman; earnings uncertain, and 4s. from City Parish. Two children; one, aged 13 years, earns 3s. per week; one, aged 9 years, at school.
100. Bridget M'Graw, 26 West Port.—Widow. Her husband died in a Lunatic Asylum in November last. The family were assisted by Association in 1877. Sober and indus-	100. B. M.—Charwoman; earnings uncertain; 4s. per week from this parish. Four children; one, aged 18 years, 13s. per

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trious. Five children; one, aged 15 years, earns 4s.; two, aged 7 and 6 years, at school; and two under age. Receives 6s. per week from St. Cuthbert's Parish. Food is much required for two children at school. Food granted to two January 1879.	week; two, aged 8 and 6 years, at school; one under age.
101. Ann Brady, 123 West Port.—Was deserted by her husband eight years ago. Received food and clothing from the Association in 1875; again for three children in 1876; and food for three in January 1878. Sober and industrious, but at present only employed half-time, owing to dull trade. Children absent from school through want of clothing. Five children; one, aged 14 years, earns 4s.; three, aged 12, 10, and 8 years, of school age; one under age. Food granted to three children in January 1879. Clothing and boots for two in February 1879. Since which, children regularly at school. Mother earns 5s. Total income, 9s.	101. A. B.—Rag-picker; 8s. per week; lately chargeable to City Parish. Four children; one, aged 15 years, earns 3s.; three, aged 13, 11, and 9 years, irregular from want of clothing; one under age.
102.—Mary Moran, 2 Main Point.—Has been a widow about three years. Assisted with food for three children by Association in 1876, 1877, and 1878. Clean sober person; earns 2s. 6d. a week by cleaning a shop. From City Parish, 5s. and school fees. Five children; aged 11, 9, 7, 4, and 2 years, the youngest child born after the father's death. Total income, 7s. 6d. Food granted to three children January 1879.	102. M. M.—Outworker; 10s. per week, and 5s. from City Parish. Five children; four, aged 13, 10, 8, and 6 years, at school; one under age.
103. Catherine Hailey, Inglis Entry.—Assisted in January 1878 by Association with food and clothing for three children. Sober and industrious. Three children; one, aged 13 years, earns 2s. 6d.; two, aged 11 and 8 years, at school. Mother earns 10s. per week. Total, 12s. 6d. Food granted to two children January 1879.	103. W. H.—Outworker; 10s. per week, and 3s. from parish. Three children; one, aged 15 years, earns 4s. 6d. per week; two, aged 12 and 9 years, at school.
104. Patrick Langin, 6 Kay's Court.—Has been out of regular work for some months, and all the family seems to be in great poverty; the children attending school are greatly in want of clothing. Six children; one, aged 15 years, earns 6s.; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school; two under age. Sober people. Food granted to two in January 1879, and has since been withdrawn. Total income, 21s.	104. P. L.—Labourer; 17s. per week. Seven children; one, aged 15 years, earns 4s. per week; one, aged 13 years, with uncle in Leith; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school; two under age.

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105. John Ferrie, 127 West Port.—Has been out of work for some time. Supporting the family at present by selling their furniture. Sober, deserving people. Four children; two, aged 7 and 5 years, at school; and two under age. Food granted to the two children at school January 1879.	105. J. F.—Jeweller, idle. Three children; two, aged 7 and 5 years, at school; one under age.
106. William Robertson, 10 Glengyle Buildings.—Was called out last year with the Reserve Forces, and has been unable to obtain employment since his return. Sober, decent people, but are on the point of starvation. Children absent from school from want of food and clothing. Four children; three of school age and one under. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children in January 1879.	106. W. R.—Baker, idle. Four children; three, aged 9, 7, and 5 years, irregularly at school; one under age.
107. John Traquair, 15 Baker's Land.—Out of work for some months; are in great poverty. Five children; one, aged 16 years, earns 4s. 6d.; one, aged 14 years, idle; two, aged 12 and 9 years, absent from school through poverty; one under age. Food granted to two January 1879. Total income, 4s. 6d.	107. J. T.—Glazier, idle. Five children; one, aged 16 years, earns 4s. 6d. per week; one, aged 13 years, idle; one, aged 10 years, not at school, unable to pay for education; two under age.
108. James Stewart, 3 Blandfield Row.—Engineer, was in ill health previous to 1876, at which date he had 9s. from St. Cuthbert's Parish, and 3s. 6d. from the Destitute Sick Society. Food granted by Association to three children. Food and clothing again granted to three children in January 1878; wife has lately died, and he is unable to earn over 10s. per week when working; the whole family is in a wretched state of poverty; five children; one, aged 13 years, delicate; four, aged 8, 6, 4, and 1 year. Food granted to the two elder. [Since admitted to Original Ragged Industrial School.]	108. J. S.—Labourer, 12s. per week; frequently chargeable here; two children; one, aged 13 years, not at school, delicate; one, aged 7 years, at school.
109. Michael Hart, 139 St. Leonard Street.—Has been out of work for a long time; takes fits; in great poverty. Children cannot attend school from want of food and clothing. Total income, 4s. earned by wife. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in ·uary 1879.	109. M. H.—Labourer, idle; wife takes a day's washing; five children; two, aged 8 and 6 years, at school; three under age.

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110. Thomas M'Kay, 18 Cowan's Close.—Has been in ill health for many years. Assisted by Association with food and clothing in 1874, again in 1877; was some time in Infirmary; is at present out of work. Whole family in great poverty. Children absent from school, want of clothing; they are also in delicate health; food granted to two, and clothing to one in January 1879.	110. T. M'K.—Tailor, working for a first-class shop, for the last eleven years (in new town); three children; aged 11, 8, and 5 years; not at school; neglected by parents.
111. Janet Scott, 10 Dalrymple Place.—Seamstress; has been a widow some years. Sober and respectable. Children, aged 11, 8, and 6 years, attend school well, but are much in need of food to enable them to continue; one, aged 16 years, earns 6s. St. Cuthbert's Parish grants 6s., mother earns 2s. 6d. Total income, 14s. 6d. Food granted to two children January 1879.	111. J. W. S.—Housewife, recently in Asylum; 6s. from this parish; four children; one, aged 16 years, earns 8s. per week; two, aged 12 and 9 years, at school; one, aged 6 years, apparently weak-minded.
112. Denis Flannigan, 56 Pleasance.—An old man unable to work hard; was assisted by Association with food and clothing for two children in 1876 and in 1877; wife ill with rheumatism; two sons, aged 16 and 14 years, idle for some time; girl, aged 10 years, absent from school from want of food and clothing, which was granted along with boots in 1879. Total income, 10s.	112. D. F.—Labourer, employed by Association for the Poor, 1s. per day; three children; one, aged 16 years, earns 6s. per week; one, aged 14 years, idle; one, 11 years, attends school regularly since supplied with food and clothing by School Board.[1]
113. Henry Rose, 211 Pleasance.—Except an odd job occasionally, has been out of work for some months; average earnings 5s. per week; family is much reduced in circumstances; six children, two, aged 15 and 13 years, earn 5s. and 4s. respectively; two, aged 11 and 9 years, are almost destitute of clothing and boots; and two, under age. Food granted to two in February 1879.	113. H. R.—Tailor, average earnings, only 7s. per week, owing to dull trade; six children; two, aged 15 and 13 years, earn 5s. and 3s. 6d. per week respectively; two, aged 11 and 8 years, at school; two under age.
114. Alice A. Duncan, 4 Lamb's Close.—Deserted by husband six months ago, who is stepfather to the four elder children (named M'Beath); he was sent to prison by the Sheriff for neglecting the education of a child of his own in March 1878, 14 days; the family is in great poverty. Children destitute of clothing; one, aged 17 years, idle; one, aged 15 years, earns 3s. 6d.; two, aged 9 and 7 years; and one under age. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in February 1879. Total earnings of mother and family, 6s. 6d.	114. A. A. D.—Washerwoman, deserted by her husband seven months ago; five children; two, aged 17 and 14 years, earn 4s. each per week; two, aged 9 and 7 years, attend school regularly since they were supplied with food and clothing by the School Board;[1] one under age.

[1] See case 84, p. 19.

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115. Philip Duke (mute), Whitehorse Close.—Was long in ill health, and eleven weeks in the Infirmary. Food and clothing granted by Association to two children in 1875; whole family very destitute and children badly clad; four children; one, aged 15 years, earns 3s. 8d.; two, aged 11 and 10 years, at school; and one a baby. Father got employment in Bathgate. No assistance given, as the family was removing there.	115. P. D.—Painter in Bathgate; two children, aged 13 and 10 years, not regularly at school; mother says she has no control over them.
116. Andrew Forrest, 12 Canongate.—Idle seventeen weeks; now confined to bed from rheumatism; has applied to the parish, and expects to get 8s. per week. Children have lately had whooping-cough and skin disease, but are now in a fair state of recovery, but could not go to school from want of clothing. Five children; one, aged 15 years, earns 4s.; two, aged 8 and 7 years; and two, aged 4 and 2 years. [Food, clothing, and boots granted to two children of school age in March 1879.]	116. A. F.—Cartwright; 6s. per week from City Parish. Five children; one, aged 15 years, earns 4s.; two, aged 9 and 7 years, not at school from want of clothing; two under age.
117. Marion W. Lindsay, Whitehorse Close.—Has been a widow three years. At present in great poverty. One child, aged 10 years, attends school regularly, but cannot at present, from want of clothing. [Food, clothing, and boots granted in March 1879.]	117. M. W. L.—Out-worker; 1s. 9d. per day when working. One child, aged 10 years, not regularly at school from want of boots.
118. Douglas Mackintosh, lithographer, Whitehorse Close.—Sober and respectable; has been out of regular employment for several months, except an odd job occasionally, and earns about 5s. per week. Wife delicate; has not been out of the house for months. Applied to St. Cuthbert's Parish for relief; refused, and offered the Poorhouse. Two of the children, aged 10 and 7 years, at Heriot's School; and one, aged 6 years, at Holyrood School. Are clean and tidy, but almost destitute of clothing. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three in February 1879.	118. D. M.—Jeweller; not working at his trade for six months; earns a little as a messenger. Wife very delicate. Three children, aged 11, 7, and 6 years, at school; paid by friends.
119. Patrick Slavin, Whitehorse Close.—Has been a long time out of work, and has lately left town in search of it. Wife goes out and hawks small articles, but has little trade for some weeks past. Decent people, and keep their children regularly at school, but at present they are in great poverty. Food for three granted in February 1879.	119. P. S.—Shoemaker; earnings uncertain. Three children, aged 12, 9, and 8 years, at school.

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120. Andrew M'Manus, Haddington's Entry.—Intemperate, and neglects his wife and family. Was before the School Board in 1874, and several times since for neglecting the education of his children. Family assisted with food and clothing by the Association in 1876, and again in 1877. Working at present on the streets at 6s. per week, and sends his children out to sell newspapers at prohibited hours, for which he was prosecuted before the Sheriff, and fined. Five children, one, aged 14 years, earns 2s. 6d.; three, aged 11, 9, and 6 years; and one under age. All greatly in want of food and clothing. Food granted to three, and clothing and boots to one in February 1879.	120. A. M.—Labourer; at present working on the streets at 1s. per day. Wife hawks fish. Six children; one, aged 15 years, in Mars Training Ship; one, aged 14 years, earns 3s. per week; three, aged 11, 9, and 6 years, regularly at school since they were supplied with food and clothing by School Board. One under age.
121. James Gibson, 63 West Port.—Seems respectable; has been a long time out of employment; whole family in great poverty. Children very much in need of food and clothing. Was before the Board in January 1879. Case delayed owing to their poverty, and reported to the Committee on Destitute and Neglected Children. Five children; three of school age, and two under. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three in February 1879.	121. J. G.—Cabman, idle. Five children; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school; two under age.
122. Thomas Graham, 7 Tobago Street.—Decent; has been out of work for some time. Assisted by the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church, and also by the Association. The mother earns 2s. per week, which is the sole income of the family. Three children; two, aged 8 and 3 years, and one 9 months. [Clothing granted to the girl of school age March 1879.]	122. T. G.—Labourer, idle. Two children; one, aged 8 years, not at school from want of boots; one under age.
123. Walter Cranston, 2 Hamilton Place.—Was recently discharged from the asylum; is unable to work. Wife seems a clean, decent person. They are in great poverty, and children greatly in need of food and clothing. Five children; three, aged 10, 8, and 6 years, at school. Granted food, clothing, and boots February 1879; and two under age. 5s. per week from St. Cuthbert's Parish.	123. W. C.—Mason, in bad health; recently in asylum. Receiving 10s. from this parish. Five children; three, aged 9, 8, and 5 years, at school; two under age.
124. John Aitken, 26 South Richmond Street.—Has been out of work for three months; is at present working with Association at 1s. per day. Whole family in great poverty.	124. J. A.—Mason, at present with Association for the Poor, at 1s. per day. Five children; two, aged 9 and 7 years, not

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Children absent from school from want of food and clothing. Five children, aged 8, 6, 4, 3 years, and one 6 months. [Food, clothing, and boots granted to two March 1879.]	regularly at school, being unable to pay the fees, and from want of clothing; three under age.
125. James Farrell, 121 Nicolson Street.—Has been out of employment for the last nine weeks. Decent family. The children cannot attend school through want of food and clothing. Seven children; two, aged 15 and 13 years, earn 5s. and 4s. per week respectively; three of school age; aged 11, 9, and 7 years; two under age. Total income, 9s. [Clothing and boots granted to two March 1879.]	125. J. F.—Gardener, 18s. per week. Seven children; two, aged 15 and 13 years, earn 4s. each per week; four, aged 11, 9, 7, and 5 years, at school; one under age.
126. Elizabeth B. M'Ginnis, 26 South Richmond Street.—Widow; sober and industrious. At present in great poverty, and her child of school age almost destitute of clothing. Three children; one, aged 14 years, idle; two others, aged 11 and 3 years. Mother earns 5s., and has 3s. from the parish. Total, 8s. [Food, clothing, and boots granted to one, aged 11 years, March 1879.]	126. E. B. M.—Charwoman, 5s. per week; 3s. per week from this parish. Three children, one, aged 14 years, earns 4s. per week; one, aged 11 years, not regularly at school, being kept at home when mother went out to work; one under age.
127. Mary M. Temple, 17 Gibb's Entry.—A widow; sober and industrious; had little work for the last three months. Children much in need of food and clothing. Five children; one, aged 17 years, earns 6s.; one, aged 13 years, a cripple; three, aged 11, 9, and 7 years. Mother earns about 1s. 6d. per week. St. Cuthbert's Parish grants 6s. Total income, 13s. [Food and clothing granted to three children, February 1879.]	127. M. M. T.—Sewer, earnings uncertain; 6s. per week from this parish. Five children; one, aged 17 years, earns 6s. per week; one, aged 13 years, a cripple; three, aged 11, 9, and 7 years, at school.
128. John Graham, 8 Howden Street.—Is stepfather to the children, whose name is Mack. His wife, when a widow, was assisted with food and clothing in 1876 and in 1877 by the Association. J. G. has been out of employment for six months. His wife is at present in ill-health. Their sole income is 3s. per week from the Destitute Sick Society. They are in great poverty, and the children in need of food and clothing. Three children; one, aged 14 years, attends her mother; two, aged 9 and 6 years. [Food and clothing granted to two in March 1879.]	128. J. G.—Mason, off work since February 1878 through sickness. Wife and a daughter support family by making pickles. Three children; one, aged 15 years, assists mother; two, aged 9 and 6 years, at school.

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129. James Burns, 199 Pleasance.—Has been out of work for the last two months. They have parted with most of their furniture, clothes, etc., to support the family, having only 4s. per week, earned by the mother. One child, aged 7 years, absent from school from want of clothing; two under school age. [Food, clothing, and boots granted to one March 1879.]	129. J. B.—Painter, idle. Wife hawks small wares. Three children; one, aged 6 years, at school, but not regularly during winter, from want of clothes, and unable to pay fees, etc.; two under age.
130. William Chalmer, 12 Beaumont Place.—Nailmaker; has been out of work for the last two months. He got an odd job from the Association, and earned about 5s. per week. Wife has been in delicate health. They are in great poverty. There are three children; two, aged 11 and 7, destitute of clothing; one under age. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in February 1879.	130. W. C.—Blacksmith; off work at his trade since January, but at present with the Association for the Poor at 1s. per day. Three children; two, aged 11 and 7 years, at school; one under age.
131. Thomas M'Donald, 16 South Richmond Street.—Has been out of employment for three months. Wife works in a mill, and earns 10s. per week, but pays 4s. for the keep of her two young children. They are in great poverty. Four children; two, aged 9 and 7 years, absent from school through want of food and clothing; and two under age. [Food, boots, and clothing granted to two in March 1879.]	131. T. M.—Tailor, idle; very unsteady. Wife earns 10s. per week, but has to pay 4s. per week to a neighbour for keeping her two youngest children. Four children; two, aged 9 and 7, not at school; unable to pay fees and want of clothing; two under age.
132. John Leitch, 20 Cowan's Close.—Has been out of regular work for the last three months; earns 9s. per week as coal-porter. Two children, aged 16 and 14 years, idle; one, aged 11 years, destitute of food and clothing, and one under age. Whole family in poverty. Food granted to one in February 1879.	132. J. L.—Moulder, presently earning 1s. 6d. per day carrying coals. Four children; two, aged 17 and 14 years, idle; one, aged 9 years, at school; fees paid, and supplied with clothing from the parish; one under age.
133. Henry Walker, Campbell's Close, Cowgate.—Deals in old clothes, but self and wife in ill health, and unable to earn much. Applied for relief to City Parish; refused, but offered the House. Two children, aged 8 and 5 years, very ill fed, and in want of food. Total income, 5s. per week. Food granted to two children February 1879.	133. H. W.—Cannot be traced.
134. Peter Shirry, 3 East Richmond Street.—Has been suffering from rheumatism for the last two years. Was offered the Poorhouse hospital by Saint Cuthbert's Parish in 1877;	134. P. S.—Sawyer, very unsteady; unable to work at his trade on account of defective sight. Earns a trifle by hawking sav

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refused to go in; he is much given to intemperance. Two boys, aged 15 and 13 years, have mainly supported the family during the last two years by selling newspapers on the streets. Total income, 12s.; one boy aged 6 years. Association granted food for two in 1877, and to one in January 1879.	dust. Three children; two, aged 15 and 13 years, earn 5s. and 3s. respectively; one, aged 6 years, not at school from want of clothes.
135. James Forrest, 1 Kay's Court.—Was assisted with food and clothing for two children in 1876, and with clothing for three in 1877. Intemperate, and has been brought before the School Board for neglecting the education of his children. Has been out of work for several weeks; is working for the Association at 1s. per day. Six children; one, aged 18 years, a cripple, earns about 2s. 6d. per week; one, aged 14 years, works for her food; four, aged 10, 12, 8, and 5 years, absent from school from want of clothing. Income, 8s. 6d. Clothing and boots granted to three in February 1879.	135. J. F.—Brass-finisher, idle. Six children; one, aged 17 years, earns 3s. 6d. per week; one, aged 15 years, idle; two, aged 10 and 8 years, at school; one, aged 6 years, not at school from want of clothes; one under age.
136. John Douglas, 159 St. Leonard Street.—Out of work for two months; at present he earns 9s. per week as a coal-porter, which is the total income. Four children; three, aged 9, 8, and 6 years, absent from school from want of food and clothing, and one under age. Food, clothing, and boots granted to three in February 1879.	136. J. D.—Carter, 18s. per week. Five children; three, aged 9, 7, and 6 years, at school; two under age.
137. Henry M'Govern, 66 West Port.—Intemperate, and was sent to prison by the parish for deserting his family. Food was granted by the Association to three children in 1878. Four children; one, aged 13 years, invalid; two, aged 11 and 7 years, much in need of clothing; one under age. A niece, named Ann Shandley, aged 9 years, who is an orphan, has lived with them some years. Wife decent and industrious. Income, 5s. Food granted to three, and clothing and boots to two in February 1879.	137. H. M.—Labourer, idle. Wife earns 2s. per day whem employed. Five children; one, aged 13 years, an invalid; two, aged 11 and 7 years, at school; one, aged 9 years, with an uncle, and at school; one under age.
138. Jessie M'Kenzie, 5 West Adam Street.—Has been a widow for some years. Five children; one, aged 18 years, idle; one, aged 16 years, earns 6s. per week; one, aged 13 years, 4s.; from St. Cuthbert's Parish, 3s. Total, 13s. Two, aged 10 and 6 years, very much in need of food and clothing. Food and clothing granted to two in January 1879.	138. J. M.—Housewife. 8s per week from this parish. Four children; one, aged 18 years, idle; one, aged 13 years, earns 4s. per week; two, aged 10 and 6 years, at school.

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39. William Douglas, 42 Morrison Street.—Out of work for a long time. Decent people, and would be thankful if food was granted to the four children till the father obtains work. Income at present 2s. 6d., earned by boy, aged 13 years, after school hours; two children under age. Food granted to four February 1879.	139. W. D.—Lathsplitter, idle. Six children; four, aged 13, 10, 7, and 5 years; two under age. School fees, etc., paid by friends.
140. Catherine Thompson, 3 East Richmond Street.—Tailoress; has been in ill health for about two months, and cannot at present earn over 3s. 6d. per week, and 2s. 6d. from a lodger. Sober person, but very poor. The child Catherine has been adopted by her, and is absent from school from want of food and clothing. Food, clothing, and boots granted in February 1879.	140. C. T.—A deserted child, not at school.
141.—William Gould, 30 West Richmond Street.—Has been out of work for some time. He works for the Association at 1s. per day. Wife also at 2s. 6d. per week. Four children; one, aged 18 years, idle; three, aged 12, 9, and 7 years, much in need of food and clothing. Total income, 8s. 6d. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in March 1879.	141. W. G.—Labourer, working for the Association for the Poor at 1s. per day. Wife at sewing-hall at 2s. 6d. per week. Four children; one, aged 17 years, idle; two, aged 12 and 6 years, at Heriot's School; one, aged seven years, unwell.
142. John Crerrar, 142 Pleasance.—Has been out of work for six months, which has reduced the family to great poverty. He is working for the Association at 1s. per day. Three children; two, aged 10 and 9 years, very much in want of food and clothing; one under age. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two in February 1879.	142. J. C.—Groom, working in the streets at 1s. per day. Four children; two, aged 11 and 10 years, at school, two under age.
143. William M'Gregor, 16 Grange Court.—Has been out of work for two months, except an odd job. Earned 2s. 6d. last week. Wife works in a laundry and earns 9s. per week. Children are very much in need of food and clothing, aged 8, 6, and 5 years. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two February 1879.	143. W. M'G.—Labourer, is jobbing with coal merchants and earning about 1s. per day. Three children; two, aged 10 and 7 years, not regular at school, unable to pay fees; one under age.
144. James Ross, 17 Carnegie Street.—In ill health, and is intemperate. Assisted with clothing for three children in 1877. Wife seems to be the main support of the family; earns 10s. per week. Four children at home; one, aged 16 years, idle; one, aged 14 years,	144. J. R.—Tailor, idle. Very dissipated, and often off work when trade is good. Wife earns 10s. per week. Four children; one at service; one, aged 13 years, assists mother;

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assists mother; two, aged 11 and 9 years. Food, clothing, and boots to two February 1879.	two, aged 8 and 10 years, at Heriot's School.
145. William Yule, 1 Kay's Court.—Has been unable to work from ill health for the last three months; lived apart from his wife and family some time ago, when they went into lodgings in the West Port, and were in great poverty. Not a good character. At present they receive 3s. per week from the Destitute Sick Society, and wife earns 3s. 6d.; total, 6s. 6d. They are in great poverty, and the children very badly off for clothing. Food, clothing, and boots granted to two January 1879.	145. W. Y.—Warehouseman. With the Association at 1s. per day. Wife in sewing-hall at 2s. 6d. per week. Four children; one, aged 10 years, at school; one, aged 9 years, not at school, want of clothes and delicate; two under age.
146. James Hunter, coal-porter, Campbell's Close.—Both parents are intemperate and improvident. The father has been before the Board for neglecting the education of his children; one, aged 24 years, idle and in ill health; two, aged 12 and 6 years, are badly fed. Food might induce them to attend school, as they are very irregular in their attendance. Food granted to two February 1879. Total income, 8s. per week.	146. J. H.—Cannot be traced.

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	Above 10 Years of Age.					Total above 10 Years of Age.	Under 10 Years of Age.			Total under 10 Years of Age.
	In Standard I.	In Standard II.	In Standard III.	In Standard IV.	In Standard V.		In Standard I.	In Standard II.	In Standard III.	
CLASS I., . .	13	2	1	...	...	16	5	...	...	5
,, II., . .	25	3	1	...	...	29	20	...	1	21
,, III., . .	15	18	13	21	2	69	69	31	11	111
TOTALS, .	53	23	15	21	2	114	94	31	12	137

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH.

	Above 10 Years of Age.					Total above 10 Years of Age.	Under 10 Years of Age.			Total under 10 Years of Age.
	In Standard I.	In Standard II.	In Standard III.	In Standard IV.	In Standard V.		In Standard I.	In Standard II.	In Standard III.	
CLASS I., . .	7	4	5	...	...	16	8	...	...	8
,, II., . .	12	8	3	...	...	23	21	...	...	21
,, III., . .	16	30	18	15	4	83	98	23	4	125
TOTALS,	35	42	26	15	4	122	127	23	4	154
Total referred to in both Parish Lists.	88	65	41	36	6	236	221	54	16	291

In regard to the state of the education of the Children in the three different classes, it will be observed the education of the Children in Class III. is more advanced than of those in Classes I. and II. The Children in Class III., whose education is furthest advanced, are those to whom food and clothing have been given during a number of years, to secure their regular attendance at school.

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The following Abstract is given by the Parochial Board of St. Cuthbert's, of Cases submitted to them:—

LIST No. I.—Class of Truant and Refractory Children, whose parents are able, and in many cases willing, to provide education for them, and to pay for it.

Families 19; Children 22, of whom—

At School,	15	
Ill,	3	
Want of Clothes,	2	
Truant,	2	
	—	22

LIST No. II.—Neglected Children whose parents are able to provide for them, but do not.

Families 29; Children 46, of whom—

At School,	30	
Ill,	2	
Want of Clothes,	1	
Truant,	10	
Unable to pay Fees, etc.,	3	
	—	46

LIST No. III.—Neglected Children.

Families 99; Children 209, of whom—

At School,	148	
Ill,	10	
Want of Clothes,	23	
Truant and Neglected,	10	
Not found,	12	
Unable to pay Fees, etc.,	6	
	——	209

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 14th JULY 1879

AND

TUESDAY, 15th JULY 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 14th day of July* 1879, *at* 3.15 *o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	BAILIE TAWSE.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	Rev. DR. SMITH.
Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.	Dr. HARVEY.
PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.	Miss PHŒBE BLYTH.
PROFESSOR DUFF.	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting of the Board were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the meeting with Defaulting Parents, held on Saturday the 5th July, in North Canongate School, were approved.

The Chairman read the following Report of the Committee on School Management :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee considered the list of Candidates for the situation of Mistress of the Infant Department of New Street School. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board the following leet of four for this appointment, viz., Mary A. Alexander, Causewayside School ; Margaret V. Ligertwood, North Canongate School ; Mary H. Tyrie, Bonnington ; Christina M. Wood, Stockbridge School. The Committee did not consider it necessary to call a special meeting of the Board, but agreed to report this leet to the ordinary meeting of the Board in July.

The Committee considered the appeal by the Rector and Masters of the High School, and the remit of the Board relative thereto. The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to intimate to the Rector and Masters of the High School their regret that they are unable to entertain the appeal.

The Committee have to report that they instructed the Chairman and the Clerk to proceed to London to see the Secretary of the Scotch Education Department with reference (1.) to the proposal of the Board to build a School in the Abbeyhill district for 500 children ; (2.) to obtain the sanction of the Department to a Building Loan for Lothian Road School. The Committee have to report that the Department

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have agreed to sanction the School for Abbeyhill, and the Loan for Lothian Road School.

The Committee recommend that the Board should continue the present rate of Fees charged in New Street School, and authorise the School Attendance Committee to open the School, if they see fit, in the last week of August.

The Committee have to submit for the approval of the Board the following recommendations regarding the Salaries of the Teachers; revised regulations for the teaching of Higher or Specific Subjects, and for the appointment, payment, employment, and instruction of Pupil Teachers:—

Salaries of Teachers.

1. That all Teachers (not including Pupil-teachers) be regarded as part of the Staff of the School.

2. That the expense of lighting and heating be charged against the School Income, after the Minimum Salary of the Staff.

3. That all other expenses of the School be charged to the rates.

4. That the Board agree to secure to each School, from fees and rate, an income equal to the grant earned by the School.

5. That the surplus income remaining, after salaries and the expense of lighting and heating are paid, be divided among the Staff in such proportions as the Board may decide.

6. That the salary of a Head-master shall be £300, where the attendance throughout the year is not under 500, including Infants; and that it be regarded as a recommendation in a candidate for a Head-mastership that he has either taken a University Degree, or has passed one or more of the Departmental Examinations for such a Degree.

7. That to each Head-master a yearly additional sum of not more than £10 shall be given by the Board for each good Report from the School Management Committee, until the addition amounts to £60.

*8. By a good Report is meant such a report as shall satisfy the Committee, who will take into consideration:—

(1.) The numbers in attendance.
(2.) The Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors.
(3.) The order and discipline.
(4.) The passes (*a.*) in the ordinary subjects, which must attain to at least 85 per cent., (*b.*) in the specific subjects.
(5.) The progress of the Pupil-teachers.
(6.) The Religious Instruction.

9. That the Board reserves to itself the power of withholding or withdrawing this additional sum, in whole or in part, if the efficiency of the School is not maintained.

10. That a salary of £120, rising annually by £10 to £150, be paid to the Mistress of the Infant Department.

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* New Street School, and Schools in similar circumstances, will be regarded as exceptional.

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11. That the salary of the Principal Assistant having charge of the teaching of a section of the School be £120, rising annually by £10 to £150.

12. That other Assistants be paid salaries ranging—

(*a.*) For Male Assistants, from £80 to £100.
(*b.*) For Female Assistants, from £60 to £80.

13. That their present salaries be continued to the Music Teachers.

14. That a Sewing Mistress be employed in each School, and receive salary at the rate of £12 per annum, for an hour's teaching per day, with preparation of work.

Teaching of Higher or Specific Subjects.

1. In the interest of Education the study of Higher or Specific Subjects ought to be encouraged by the Board.

2. English Literature, and Physical Geography or Physiology, to the extent of the requirements of the Scotch Code, Schedule IV., shall be taught to all the pupils in Standards V. and VI.

3. At the beginning of the School year Head Teachers shall lodge with the Board a list of the Subjects proposed to be taught.

4. No payment shall be made on account of specific subjects where an average pass of 75 per cent. is not obtained in Standards IV., V., and VI.

5. Except for Latin, Mathematics, and Domestic Economy as at present taught, a payment shall be made to the income of the School, according to the following scale, viz. :—

(*a*) 4s. for a pass in the first stage;
(*b*) 6s. for a pass in the second stage;
(*c*) 8s. for a pass in the third stage.

6. For Latin and Mathematics the payment to the income of the School shall be 30s. for each pass made by a pupil at an examination to be held by the Board in the following course, viz. :—

In Latin.—For the first year, Grammar to the end of the rules of concord, and half of the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallic War.*

For the second year, the whole of the Grammar, including all the Rules of Syntax, and the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallic War.*

For the third year, as above, together with 400 lines of *Virgil.*

In Mathematics.—For the first year, *Algebra*, Notation, Addition, Subtraction, *Euclid*, Book I., Prop. 1 to 15 inclusive.

For the second year, *Algebra* to Simple Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Book I.

For the third year, *Algebra* to Quadratic Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Books I., II., and III.; Elements of Mensuration.

7. Upon the request of the Head-masters, classes may be opened in connection with the Science and Art Department for the instruction in drawing (Second Grade, Art) of Pupil-teachers and senior pupils.

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Appointment, Payment, Employment, and Instruction of Pupil-Teachers.

I. Appointment of Pupil-Teachers.

1. Pupil-Teachers employed by the Board must not be under 14 years of age; and a preference will be given to candidates above that age.

2. Applicants for the office of Pupil-Teachers shall fill up a form of application, to be supplied by the Board.

3. The names of Applicants, who have complied with the above requirement, shall be entered in a book kept at the offices of the Board.

4. An Examination of Applicants for the office of Pupil-Teacher shall be held from time to time by the School Work Committee, in accordance with regulations previously approved by the Board.

5. Appointments shall be made by the School Work Committee and Visitors from the list of candidates who have successfully passed the examination.

II. Payment of Pupil-Teachers.

1. Pupil-Teachers, during the interval between their appointment by the Board and the date of the commencement of their apprenticeship, shall be paid at the rate of £10 per annum.

2. Male Pupil-Teachers shall be paid £17, 10s., and Female Pupil-Teachers £12, 10s. for the first year of an apprenticeship of four years, with an additional sum of £2, 10s. for each succeeding year of their apprenticeship.

3. A sum of £5 shall be given to each Pupil-Teacher who shall complete an apprenticeship of not less than three years to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

III. Employment of Pupil-Teachers.

1. The employment of Pupil-Teachers shall be left in the hands of the Head-masters.

2. The Head-masters shall, at the beginning of the School year, submit for approval to the School Work Committee a time-table showing in what departments, standards, and work the Pupil-Teachers are employed.

3. The Head-master shall so arrange the time-table as that no Pupil-Teacher shall be placed in charge of a class as its responsible Teacher until he shall have entered upon the last two years of his apprenticeship. Up to that time he shall assist one of the responsible Teachers.

4. The interchange of Pupil-Teachers between the various departments should be encouraged.

5. Female Pupil-Teachers should, as far as possible, be employed during their first and last years in the Juvenile Department, and during the intervening year or years of their apprenticeship in the Infant Department.

6. The transference of a Pupil-Teacher from one department to another should be made at the time of the annual inspection; only under exceptional circumstances in the course of the School year.

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IV. Instruction of Pupil-Teachers.

1. Pupil-Teachers shall receive instruction six hours a week out of school hours.

2. The Head-masters shall draw up a time-table showing the hours at which, and the subjects in which, such instruction is given to the Pupil-Teachers.

3. The Head-master shall have the services of the whole staff of the School for the instruction of the Pupil-Teachers.

4. As laid down in the Code, Schedule II., Art. 5, such instruction shall include the subjects in which the Pupil-Teachers are next to be examined.

5. Each Female Pupil-Teacher must receive in addition to the ordinary instruction required by the Code, special instruction in the preparation of needlework for one hour per week during six months in the last two years of her apprenticeship.

6. It is compulsory under the Code that Male Pupil-Teachers be instructed in Euclid, to the end of Book III., and in Algebra up to Quadratic Equations (inclusive), at the end of their apprenticeship. The Committee recommend that the instruction in these subjects include also the fourth and sixth books of Euclid.

V. Miscellaneous Recommendations.

1. In cases where Pupil-Teachers fail in their Government Examination in any year, they shall not be kept in the schools, except with the consent of the School Work Committee, Visitors, and Head-master.

2. Pupil-Teachers shall not, where it can be avoided, be appointed at the beginning of their apprenticeship to the schools in which they have just before been pupils.

3. Pupil-Teachers shall not be permitted, under any circumstances whatsoever, to inflict punishment on the pupils.

4. The premiums paid to Pupil-Teachers under Sect. II. 3, shall be paid out of the School Fund in addition to the payments made under present arrangements.

Archd. Scott, *Chairman.*

The Chairman further stated that the Members of the Board had interview with the Candidates on the leet for the appointment of Mistress of the Infant Department of New Street School, mentioned in the Report, when it was agreed that Miss Margaret V. Ligertwood should be recommended for the appointment, and he moved accordingly. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman read a letter dated 7th July 1879, signed in name of the Masters of the High School by Mr. Jeffrey, Dr. Ross, and Mr. Munn, regarding the appeal of the Rector and Masters of the High School reported upon by the Committee. Bailie Tawse moved, and Mr. Guthrie seconded, that the Report be approved. Mr. Brown Douglas moved, and Professor Crum Brown seconded, that having ascertained that, by arrangement made between the Board and the Masters of date 21st October 1874, it was agreed not to charge a sum

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of £308, 7s. 11d., expended on repairs on the High School in 1873, against the Rector and Masters for twelve months; and that in 1875 and following years the Board having declared that they had no alternative, had deducted only one-sixth, or £51, 8s., of this sum from the payment which would otherwise be divided among the Rector and Masters. Having also ascertained that four years' payment have in this manner been deducted, and that two years' payment, amounting to £102, 16s., have not been deducted, the Committee recommend the Board to take an opportunity of ascertaining whether the accounts would be duly passed by the Auditor provided they included the sum of £102, 16s., being the two years' proportion not yet deducted from the Masters' salaries. In the event of ascertaining that the charge would be passed by the Auditor, the Board should be recommended to charge the rates accordingly, on the understanding that if this matter should be questioned, the Masters should relieve the Board of all responsibility. For Bailie Tawse's motion there voted,—Bailie Tawse, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Adamson, Miss Blyth, Mr. Kay, and Mr. Williamson. For Mr. Brown Douglas's motion there voted,—Mr. Brown Douglas, Professor Crum Brown, Dr. Scott, Mr. Balfour, Professor Duff, Dr. Harvey, and Mr. M'Kenzie. The motion of Mr. Brown Douglas was accordingly adopted. Bailie Tawse dissented and protested against this decision as illegal.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Committee regarding the Salaries of Teachers. It was agreed to adopt Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, changing the word "rates" in No. 3 to "School Fund." Bailie Tawse dissented from the decision of the Board to adopt Nos. 2 and 3. Dr. Harvey moved, and Dr. Smith seconded, that recommendation No. 6 be adopted. Bailie Tawse moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that the latter clause of No. 6 be deleted. For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Dr. Smith, Mr. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Kay, Mr. M'Kenzie, and Mr. Williamson. For Bailie Tawse's motion,—Bailie Tawse, Mr. Adamson, Miss Blyth, and Miss Stevenson. No. 6 was accordingly adopted. Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. M'Kenzie seconded, that Nos. 7, 8, and 9 be adopted. Bailie Tawse moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that they be deleted. For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Brown Douglas, Professor Duff, Mr. Kay, Miss Stevenson, and Mr. Williamson. For Bailie Tawse's motion, —Bailie Tawse, Mr. Adamson, and Dr. Smith. No. 10 was adopted, Miss Stevenson dissenting. No. 11 was adopted. Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, that No. 12 be adopted. Miss Stevenson moved, and Mr. Brown Douglas seconded, that in No. 12 "80" be changed to "90." For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Smith, Mr. Williamson. For Miss Stevenson's motion there voted, Miss Stevenson, Mr. Brown Douglas, Miss Blyth, Professor Crum Brown, Professor Duff, and Mr. Guthrie. No. 12 was adopted. No. 13 was adopted with the

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following addition: after "salaries," read "of £40 per annum for one hour per day, or £10 per annum for one hour per week be continued to the music teachers." Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, that No. 14 be adopted. Miss Stevenson moved, and Mr. Williamson seconded, that "£12" be deleted and "£15" inserted. For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Brown Douglas, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Smith, and Bailie Tawse. For Miss Stevenson's motion,—Miss Stevenson, Mr. Williamson, Miss Blyth, and Professor Duff. No. 14 was accordingly adopted.

The Board considered the regulations regarding the teaching of Higher or Specific Subjects recommended by the Committee.

Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted. No. 5 was adopted, Bailie Tawse dissenting. Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, the adoption of No. 6. Bailie Tawse moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that "15s." be inserted instead of "30s." For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Brown Douglas, Professor Duff, Mr. M'Kenzie, Dr. Smith, Miss Stevenson, and Mr. Williamson. For Bailie Tawse's motion there voted, Bailie Tawse, Mr. Adamson, and Mr. Balfour. No. 6 was accordingly adopted. No. 7 was adopted.

The Board considered the regulations as to the Appointment, Employment, Payment, and Instruction of Pupil-Teachers. Sect. I., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were adopted. Sect. II., Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Dr. Harvey moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, that the following regulations, formerly adopted by the Board, be inserted as 4 and 5, viz.:—

4. An additional sum of £10 will be given to each Male Pupil-Teacher who passes into a Normal School under the terms of a regulation of the Department which qualifies all Pupil-Teachers who pass in Latin (or Greek) and Mathematics to take a University course in conjunction with their Normal School training.

5. An additional sum of £7, 10s. shall be given to each Female Pupil-Teacher who passes into a Normal School within the first 100 of the Scotch Candidates.

Miss Blyth moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that these regulations be not inserted. For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted,—Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Mr. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Professor Duff, and Miss Stevenson. For Miss Blyth's motion,—Miss Blyth, Mr. Adamson, Bailie Tawse, Mr. Williamson. It was agreed to insert these regulations, Mr. Adamson dissenting. Sect. III., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. Sect. IV., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. Sect. V., Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. It was agreed to insert "4 and 5" after "3" in clause 4 of this Section. Professor Duff moved, and Miss Stevenson seconded, that Sect. V., with these additions, be adopted. Bailie Tawse moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that "School Fund" be deleted and "School Income" inserted. For Professor Duff's motion there voted,—Professor Duff, Miss Stevenson,

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Professor Crum Brown, Mr. Brown Douglas, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Kay, Mr. M'Kenzie, and Mr. Williamson. For Bailie Tawse's motion there voted, Bailie Tawse, Mr. Adamson, and Mr. Balfour.

With these alterations the School Management Committee's Report was adopted, and it was agreed that the recommendations as to the Salaries of Teachers, the Regulations regarding the teaching of Higher or Specific Subjects, and the Appointment, Employment, Payment, and Instruction of Pupil-Teachers, be printed as amended. It was also agreed that they take effect as from this date.

Professor Crum Brown read the Report of the Committee on Building.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee have to report the execution of the following works and repairs, viz. :—

Stockbridge School: Twenty-four dual desks supplied by R. M. Cameron, at 20s. each, with one ink-well and zinc cover at 3d. each, and also fifty new ink-wells and zinc covers for the old desks at 4d. each.

West Fountainbridge School: The stone gutter at the boys' conveniences, and a stone step have been laid; for executing which Mr. P. Sinclair's estimate, amounting to £4, 7s., was accepted.

New Street: The drinking fountains, gas brackets, and forms, have been repaired.

The Committee had before them Report by Mr. Wilson, architect, on the repairs and cleaning required to be done at the various schools during the holidays, and recommend that the following works be executed, viz. :—

At Stockbridge School: Walls of class-rooms to be brushed down, gas-brackets to be overhauled, and shelf to be fitted on front of desk in Infant Mistress's room; re-size kitchen and scullery of Janitor's house, oil-paint walls to the height of four feet, and repair kitchen grate.

At Deanhaugh Street School: The conveniences to be re-sized, some repairs done to the roof and forms.

At Dean: To lay Master's room with linoleum; some repairs at W.C.'s, lift and relay pavement at Girls' entrance, and repair concrete in covered playground.

At Roseburn: To brush down walls of class-rooms and re-size W.C.'s.

At Dalry: Fit up additional cloak-stand, with 60 to 80 hat-pins in girls' cloak-room; fit blinds to the two north windows; and to form a passage through centre of Infant gallery, and some other small repairs.

At West Fountainbridge: Re-size upper part of walls of staircases, and oil-paint the lower-portion; other small repairs in class-rooms.

At West Port: Re-size class-rooms, and some small repairs to fittings.

At Bristo: Ventilate staircases by hinged pane in each window; take off paper from walls of teachers' rooms, and leave unpapered in the meantime; some repairs to forms, and additional slate racks.

At Leith Walk: The new cement in staircases to be oil-painted, and the walls and ceilings of staircases to be re-sized; some small repairs to plaster-work and fittings; W.C.'s to be roofed with zinc; to erect porch at back door of Janitor's house at a cost not exceeding £3, 10s.; other small repairs on roof of the school.

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At New Street: Re-size some of the class-rooms, and lay floor of Infant Mistress's room with linoleum, and small repairs to fittings.

At High School: Paint outside of windows. Repair roofs, lay gravel on play-ground, and other small repairs.

The Committee had under consideration the estimates for Canonmills School and Janitor's house, and recommend the Board to accept the following:—

Mason Work,	Robert Brownlee,	£3333	0	0
Carpenter and Joiner Work,	David Greig,	1458	0	0
Plumber Work,	Alex. Dickison,	349	0	0
Slater Work,	Thomas Lamb,	168	9	0
Plaster Work,	David Wight,	200	0	0
Smith Work,	James Forrest,	159	18	6
Granite Concrete Work,	Stuart and Co.,	260	17	7
		£5929	5	1

A. Crum Brown, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

The Committee also submitted a statement, prepared by the Architect, showing the probable cost of work not included in the accepted estimates, and other expenses on account of the erection of Canonmills School and Janitor's House, viz.:—

Painter Work,	£250	0	0
Fittings, Forms, Desks, etc.,	900	0	0
Add 10 per cent. for Extra Work,	707	14	11
Architect's Commission,	233	0	0
Salary of Clerk of Works,	130	0	0
Proportion of Expense of forming Street, Main Drain, and Pavement,	250	0	0
Legal Expenses, Feu-Charter, and Building Contracts,	100	0	0
Making a total for the School and Janitor's House of	£8500	0	0

The Board instructed the Clerk to forward the Plans and Specification, and the amounts of the Contracts and probable Estimates, to the Scotch Education Department, and to ask their sanction to a Building Loan from the Public Works Loan Commissioners of £8500, to be repaid, principal and interest, in thirty equal annual instalments.

The Clerk was further instructed to ask Mr. Wilson, the Architect, to proceed with the erection of the School without waiting for the return of the Plans and Specifications from the Department.

Mr. Brown Douglas read the following Report of the High School Committee:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee have to report that the High School was examined this year in Classics by Professor Roberts, St. Andrews; English Literature, by Professor Masson, Edinburgh; Mathematics, French, and German, by J. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Advocate.

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The Committee instructed the Clerk to request the presence of the Lord Provost and Magistrates at the closing of the High School, and to request his Lordship to preside on the occasion.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to remit to them to revise the Prospectus of the School for next session, and with powers to appoint an Assistant to the French Master.

F. BROWN DOUGLAS, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following uniform fees be charged at all the Schools, with the exception of New Street, from the beginning of next Session, viz., Infant Department, 2d. per week or 8d. per month; Juvenile Department, Standards I. II. and III., 3d. per week or 1s. per month; Standard IV., 4d. per week or 1s. 4d. per month; Standards V. and VI., 5d. per week or 1s. 8d per month.

The Committee recommend that prizes be given in Elementary Schools this year as in former years, and that it be remitted to them to consider and report upon the question of prizes in these Schools.

The Committee had an interview with a deputation from the Forth Swimming Club, who pressed upon the Committee the desirability of having swimming taught in the Board Schools. They have embodied their views in a written memorial, in which they suggest certain schemes for carrying out this teaching. The Committee recommend that the attention of pupils, parents, and teachers of Board Schools be called to the proposals of the Forth Swimming Club, and that every facility be given for the children of the Board Schools taking advantage of swimming lessons.

The Committee have to report that they held an examination of candidates for the situation of Pupil-teachers on Saturday, July 5th, in North Canongate School. The subjects of examination were the same as on the former occasion. The Committee have made the following appointments of Pupil-teachers, viz.—To West Port School, Jessie M'D. Paton; to Causewayside School, Elizabeth Mitchell; to Dalry School, Jessie Wyllie; to Stockbridge School, Emma B. Scott; and to West Fountainbridge School, Margaret Campbell.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee authorised a meeting with defaulting parents to be held in North Canongate School, on Saturday, the 5th July. Mr. Adamson reported to the Committee that he had, in the absence of the Convener, revised the list of cases to be summoned before the Board.

The Committee have to report that the Managers of Free St. George's School, at Fountainbridge, have resolved to close that School at the end of the present session, but are willing to continue the use of it

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to the Board as a Day School, free of rent, during next session, reserving to themselves the right to use it on Sabbaths for a Sabbath School

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to accept the proposal of the Managers, and open the School on the 1st September next; continue in the meantime the services of the present teachers, Mr. Anderson and Miss Morison, at their present salaries, viz., £150 and £70 respectively; take over the Pupil-teachers at present serving in the School; keep the building during the occupancy of the Board in proper repair, and pay the rates, taxes, and insurance. They recommend also that the Board purchase from the Managers such Black-boards, Maps, and other useful articles of apparatus as are in good condition, and pay over to the Managers the proportion of the Government Grant to be earned by the School during the current School year, up to end of August 1879.

The Committee considered a letter from the Rev. Sir Henry Wellwood Moncreiff, Bart, D.D., stating that, in the event of the Board considering it desirable to open a temporary School, until Lothian Road School would be completed, the Proprietors of Riego Street School would be inclined to entertain favourably an application from the Board for the use of that School. The Committee are not prepared to recommend the Board to open a temporary School in this district in the meantime. FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson also read the following statement regarding the work of the Committee on Neglected and Destitute Children:— During the Session 1878-79, the Committee granted relief to 443 Neglected and Destitute Children, viz., to children attending Protestant Schools, 269; attending Roman Catholic Schools, 174.

The following Table shows the Schools which these children attended, and the kind of relief granted:—

SCHOOL ATTENDED.	KIND OF RELIEF GRANTED.			TOTAL.
	Food.	Clothing.	Food and Clothing.	
Board Schools, ...	49	24	95	168
Denominational Schools, . . .	35	6	44	85
Heriot Schools, ...	7	2	7	16
Roman Catholic Schools, . . .	107	5	62	174
	198	37	208	443

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the Committee on Finance:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee had before them the detailed account of the Treasurer's Intromissions for the year, from 16th May 1878 to 15th May 1879, to-

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gether with the Auditor's Report thereon. The Committee ordered the Accounts and the Auditor's report to be printed.

The Committee recommend to pay Mr. Robertson, of New Street School, an allowance at the rate of £5 per annum for his services in examining children under 13 years of age applying for admission to Evening Classes.

The Committee recommend to pay £21 to each of the Examiners in Religious Instruction.

The Committee recommend the following payments to the Examiners of the High School, viz. :—Professor Roberts, £10, 10s. ; Professor Masson, £7, 7s. ; and Mr. Kirkpatrick, £11, 11s.

The Committee agreed to transfer from Rates to the Income of the following Schools the following sums, viz. :—

Stockbridge, ...	£510	15	8½
St. Leonard's, ...	539	4	10
West Port, ...	158	0	11½
North Canongate, ...	557	19	7½

The Clerk reported that the Election Expenses' Account had been passed by Mr. Bain, the Accountant of the Scotch Education Department.

It was agreed to accept the estimate of Messrs. J. Waldie & Son for supplying coal for year from 1st September next ; and the estimate of Mr. William Forsyth for cleaning windows and internal glass screens for the same period. These estimates were the lowest.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay Mr. Samuel Neil at the rate of £3 per week for teaching in West Fountainbridge School during the absence of Dr. Robertson through sickness in his family.

The Committee had under consideration a letter from the Scotch Education Department, dated 25th April 1879, stating that their Lordships were unable to grant their sanction to the Loan of £40,000 which the Board, at its meeting on 11th December 1878, had agreed to borrow for the completion and erection of various schools ; and that it would be necessary to make application for a separate loan in connection with each individual school. The Committee instructed the Clerk to make application accordingly for the sanction of their Lordships to borrow £11,606 from the Public Works Commissioners—principal and interest to be repaid in thirty years in equal annual instalments—for the erection of Lothian Road School ; and to make similar applications for the loans required to complete Dalry and North Canongate Schools, and to erect Canonmills and Abbeyhill Schools when the exact amount required to be borrowed for each school is ascertained.

The Committee had before them letter from Mr. Beattie, Architect, regarding the Board's claim for £20 in respect of the boundary walls of Dalry School, and deducted by the Board from his professional account. The Committee recommend the Board to adhere to their former decision in this matter.

On the recommendation of the Rector and Masters of the High School, it was agreed to remit the fees due on account of James C. Montgomery, 3d Class, £10, 2s. 6d., and John G. Gilbertson, of the 5th Class, £11, 12s. 6d.

A Statement, estimating the probable surplus of the Fee Fund of the High School was submitted to the Committee, showing a balance in favour of the fund of £1153, 12s. 6d. The Committee instructed the Clerk to allocate £800 of this sum to the Rector and Masters of the High School.

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It was agreed to pay the Teachers of the Summer Evening Classes the same salaries as last year.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and the State of the Treasurer's Intromissions as printed, and Auditor's Report thereon as printed, were ordered to lie on the Table till next meeting.

Bailie Tawse read the following statement of the allocation of the £800 among the Rector and Masters of the High School, in terms of the above Report:—

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF £800 *of the* SURPLUS HIGH SCHOOL FUND, *Session* 1878-79.

According to the Report of the Committee on High School financial and other arrangements, dated 5th June 1873, the revenue from fees in excess of the sums paid in salaries in the course of the year falls to be divided among the Rector and masters in proportion to their salaries. Additional masters were appointed in 1876, and the financial arrangements with them and the other masters is as follows: "The new teachers to share in the surplus of the school income, beyond the sum attained this year, in proportion to their respective salaries."

In the approximate estimate before the Board, a sum of £1153, 12s. 6d. is shown as a probable surplus in favour of the Fee Fund for Session 1878-79, but what the exact amount may be when the accounts for the year are finally adjusted, it is at present impossible to determine.

The surplus at the time of the arrangement between the old masters and the new, above referred to, was £755, 6s. 3½d. In this surplus the three masters appointed in 1876, viz., Mr. M'Lagan, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Black, do not participate; in the balance they share with the others in proportion to their salaries.

It is proposed in the meantime, and until the Surplus Account is finally adjusted, to allocate the sum of £800 amongst the Teachers in the proportion of £523 to the Rector and Masters, except the three above named, and £277 to the Rector and all the Masters, including these three.

When the exact amount of the balance of the surplus is determined, it will be apportioned as follows:—The difference between £755, 6s. 3½d. and £523, or £232, 6s. 3½d. will be distributed among the Rector and Masters, to the exclusion of the three Teachers above named, and the remainder among all the Teachers, including these three.

The following is the share of the £800 found due to each:—

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		Out of £523 apportioned to Rector and Masters, except three.	Out of £277 apportioned to Rector and all the Masters.	Total.
Dr. Donaldson, . . .	£700	£105 16 3	£46 12 2	£152 8 5
Dr. Cranstoun, . . .	420	63 9 8	27 19 4	91 9 0
Thomson Jeffrey, . .	420	63 9 8	27 19 4	91 9 0
Dr. Ross, ...	420	63 9 8	27 19 4	91 9 0
David Norrie, . . .	250	37 15 9	16 13 0	54 8 9
David Munn, . . .	420	63 9 8	27 19 4	91 9 0
James Arnot, . . .	300	45 7 0	19 19 6	65 6 6
A. V. Ravensberg, . .	180	27 4 2	11 19 9	39 3 11
C. H. Schneider, . .	350	52 18 2	23 6 1	76 4 3
T. T. M'Lagan, . .	300	.....	19 19 6	19 19 6
James Gibson, . . .	200	.....	13 6 4	13 6 4
J. J. A. Black, . . .	200	.....	13 6 4	13 6 4
		£523 0 0	£277 0 0	£800 0 0

Professor Duff read the following Report on Temporary School Accommodation in Abbey Hill District:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN ABBEYHILL.

The only place suitable for a temporary School in the Abbeyhill district, so far as the Committee is aware, is the Hall under the Abbey Church. The Hall provides accommodation for 420 children, and the Proprietors will lease it to the Board for the purposes of a Day-School at a rent of £40 per annum. The cost of partitioning the Hall and providing offices, etc., will amount in the first instance, the Committee find, to from £80 to £90. A portion of this amount will no doubt be refunded at the end of the Board's occupancy.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to remit to the School Management Committee, with powers to make the necessary arrangements for opening this Hall as a Day-School at the beginning of next Session.

DAVID DUFF, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

PRIVATE.

Mr. Brown Douglas read the Minute of the meeting of the High School Committee, held on 28th June 1879.

At this stage it was agreed to adjourn till to-morrow, the 15th, at 3.30 P.M.

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At the Adjourned Meeting *on Tuesday, the 15th day of July* 1879, *at* 3.30 P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev Mr. BALFOUR.	Dr. HARVEY.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	PROFESSOR DUFF.
Rev. A. WILLIAMSON.	PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.
Bailie TAWSE.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Mr. Adamson read the following report of the Committee on Evening Schools :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following scheme of Evening Classes for next session, viz. :—

Six classes for young men, in St. Leonard's, New Street, Leith Walk, Stockbridge, West Fountainbridge, and Dalry; and two for young women, in Bristo and Stockbridge: that the Session commence on Monday, the 29th September 1879, and end on Thursday, 11th March 1880; that Pupils under 13 years of age be taught in New Street School, in a separate room under a qualified assistant, to be paid at the rate of £3 per month; otherwise that the arrangements for the conduct of the Classes be the same as during last Session; and that it be remitted to the Committee, with powers to appoint Teachers and Assistants to conduct these classes.

The Committee agreed also to recommend that the following special classes be opened during next session, and taught for two hours per week, viz., for young men, a Latin Class, and a Class for English and Composition; and for young women, a French Class, and a Class for Writing and Book-keeping. In the event of the Board adopting the recommendation, the Committee request that it be remitted to them, with powers to appoint suitable Teachers, and to make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of these Classes.

W. ADAMSON, *Convener.*

The Report was remitted to the School Management Committee for re-consideration and report.

The Clerk read the following report by Mr. Wilson on the Schools in course of Erection :—

REPORT REGARDING NEW SCHOOLS.

ST. LEONARD'S SCHOOL.

I have to report that the Slater work of the School Building is nearly completed, and that the Lather work is far advanced. The Janitor's house is built to the wall-head.

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LOTHIAN ROAD SCHOOL.

All the walls of Buildings are built up to the surface of ground, and part of the back wall is built to the height of windows of ground floor.

ROBT. WILSON.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid upon the table:—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending June 21, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending June 21,		2365
Of the above number there are:—		
Dead,	2	
Above age,	51	
Incurable,	1	
Left the City,	74	
Removed to other parts of the City,	227	
Gone to School,	1540	
Absent through Temporary Causes,	470	
		2365
Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are:—		
Refractory,	2	
Sick,	302	
Wanting Clothing,	3	
Unable to pay Fees,	7	
Considered too young,	8	
Absent from want of Accommodation,	...	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, (Fault of Parents, 125; Fault of Children, 23)	148	
		470

N.B.—Of the 470 Absent, 285 are returned over seven years of age, and 185 under seven.

Of the 302 returned Sick, 31 are Fever cases, 19 Hooping-Cough, and 9 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, *9th July* 1879.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 31st May 1879, and not disposed of in previous report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—7 Parents with 10 children; of whom there are now regular at School 6; left town 1; not sent to School 2; sent to Mars Ship 1. Total, . . . 10

Carry forward, 10

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Brought forward,	10
To be—	
Prosecuted Conditionally.—2 Parents with 2 Children; the children are now regular at School. Total, ...	2
To be—	
Delayed.—2 Parents with 4 children; sent to Industrial School 1; sick 3. Total, ...	4
Total, . . .	16

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 5th July 1879.

To be—	
Prosecuted.—13 Parents with 17 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 9; not sent to School 8. Total, . .	17
To be—	
Prosecuted Conditionally.—14 Parents with 24 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 22—not sent 2. Total, ...	24
To be—	
Delayed.—14 Parents with 22 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 15—not sent 4—sick 2—sent to Poor-house 1. Total, ...	22
TOTAL, . . .	63

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
9th July 1879.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 4th June 1879 and 7th July 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	33	
„ irregular, ...	5	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	14	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ left town, ...	2	
	—	*55*
Girls regular, ...	29	
„ irregular, ...	3	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	4	
„ left town, ...	1	
	—	37
Total, . .		92

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One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	6	
„ irregular, ...	1	
	—	7
Total, .		7

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 South Castle Street,
9th July 1879.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

Miss Stevenson reported, in connection with the operations of the Committee on Neglected and Destitute Children, that the Managers of the House of Refuge had very generously assisted the efforts of the Committee, and had provided 11,380 meals to poor children at a cost of £100. Miss Stevenson moved that the Board should record their sense of the services of the Managers of the House of Refuge in securing the attendance at School of this class of children, and request them to continue their efforts next winter if they could see their way to do so. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid upon the table :—

Abstract Return of Attendance at Board Schools; Roman Catholic Schools; 6 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; for Five Weeks ending 4th July 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 4th July 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants	Total.
DAY SCHOOLS.												
Board Schools, . . .	7390	4864	12254	6198	2962	9160	5390	2529	7919	86·98	85·39	86·4
Roman Catholic Schools, .				Returns incomplete.								
6 Non-Board Schools, . .	778	1052	1830	641	689	1330	531	542	1073	82·84	78·6	80·67
19 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	4939	..	..	4843	..	..	4458	..	..	92·05

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

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The Clerk read letter from the Solicitor to the Public Works Loan Board, dated 11th July 1879, enclosing form of receipt for £4000, being second instalment of the Loan of £15,735, and the order for the Commissioners' Certificate for the instalment of the loan, in order that the same might be signed, sealed, and attested, previous to the payment of the money. The Board instructed the Chairman and Clerk to sign the said documents, which was done in their presence. The seal of the Board was thereupon affixed to each document, and both were attested.

The Clerk also submitted a statement showing the application of the first instalment of the loan, and the contracts entered into and about to be entered into, on account of St. Leonard's School. The statement showed that at this date the sum of £909, 10s. of the first instalment of the loan was unexpended. The Board instructed the Chairman and Bailie Tawse to certify this statement as correct, and that the instalment now asked for will probably be expended within the next three months.

The Clerk laid upon the table the following arrangements for the closing of the Elementary Schools for the holidays, viz. :—

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS.

THE BOARD SCHOOLS will be closed for the current Session as follows, viz. :—

On WEDNESDAY, the 16th.

Roseburn—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN, . at 3 P.M.
Causewayside—REV. A. WILLIAMSON AND REV. W. ADAMSON, . at 10.30 A.M.
Dalry—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN, . at 1.30 P.M.
St. Leonard's—REV. A. WILLIAMSON AND REV. W. ADAMSON, . at 2 P.M.
Deanhaugh Street—DR. HARVEY AND MR. GUTHRIE, . . . at 1.15 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 17th.

Dean—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN, . at 11 A.M.
New Street—MISS F. C. STEVENSON, REV. MR. BALFOUR, AND DR. SMITH, ... at 2 P.M.
West Fountainbridge—MISS BLYTH AND PROFESSOR DUFF, . . at 7 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 18th.

North Canongate—MISS F. C. STEVENSON, REV. MR. BALFOUR, AND DR. SMITH, ... at 2 P.M.
Stockbridge—DR. HARVEY AND MR. GUTHRIE, ... at 12 Noon.
Bristo—MR. BROWN DOUGLAS, REV. MR. KAY, AND MISS BLYTH, . at 11 A.M.
West Port—MISS BLYTH, MR. BROWN DOUGLAS, AND REV. MR. KAY, ... at 3 P.M.
Leith Walk—REV. A. M'KENZIE AND BAILIE TAWSE, . . . at 10.30 A.M.
Holyrood—REV. A. M'KENZIE AND BAILIE TAWSE, . . . at 2 P.M.

The Members of the Board whose names are placed opposite the names of each School have been appointed to distribute the Prizes and to address the Children; but it is expected that as many Members as

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can conveniently attend will be present at the closing of the various Schools.

The Schools will be re-opened on Monday, 1st September.

It was agreed that next meeting of the Board be held on Monday, the 13th October. In the meantime, and until that date, it was remitted to the School Management Committee, with powers, to transact urgent business. The Clerk was instructed to request the attendance of all the Members of the Board who may be in town to attend all the meetings of the Committee which may be called.

Mr. Gibson, the Cashier, was authorised to act as Clerk during the Clerk's absence.

Mr. Adamson, in terms of notice given by him at last meeting, moved, "That the Instructions on Training of Scholars, issued to the Teachers by the Board in 1875 and 1877, be sent to the School Management Committee, to consider the same before they be again issued." Miss Blyth seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Balfour gave notice of the following motion for next meeting, viz. :—"That it be remitted to the School Work Committee to consider what may be done, if anything, to promote uniformity in the various Books used in the Schools under charge of the Board."

Mr. Adamson stated that at next meeting he would call attention to the inequalities of expenditure on the various Schools, as shown by the state of the Treasurer's Intromissions laid upon the Table.

PRIVATE.

Miss Blyth made the following Report on the Sewing arrangements of Dean, Deanhaugh Street, and St. Leonard's Schools. The Visitors of the Schools and the Lady Members recommend that—(1.) Mrs. Grant be continued in Dean School, on condition that she will have the work for the pupils prepared; (2.) That a new teacher of Sewing be appointed in Deanhaugh Street School; and (3.), That the present Sewing-mistress in St. Leonard's School be continued until the new School be opened.

It was agreed to appoint Mrs. Grant, in Dean School, for two hours per day, as at present; and also to appoint her for one full hour per day in Deanhaugh Street School. The Report in respect to St. Leonard's School was agreed to.

Bailie Tawse moved, and Miss Blyth seconded, that the situations of Head-master, and of Mistress of the Infant Department of Abbeyhill School be advertised. Mr. Adamson moved, and Mr. Balfour seconded, that the Board consider whether there are persons on their present staff, or among recent applicants, suitable for these appointments.

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For Bailie Tawse's motion there voted,—Bailie Tawse, Miss Blyth, Miss Stevenson, and Mr. Williamson. For Mr. Adamson's motion there voted,—Mr. Adamson, Mr. Balfour, Professor Crum Brown, Professor Duff, Mr. Guthrie, and Mr. M'Kenzie. Mr. Adamson's motion was carried; Bailie Tawse dissenting and protesting.

Having considered, in terms of Mr. Adamson's motion, the various names suggested for these appointments, the Clerk was instructed to advertise for a Head-master at a salary of £250 per annum; for a Mistress of the Infant Department at a salary of £100 per annum; for a Singing-Master at a salary of £25 per annum for three hours per week; for a Sewing-Mistress at a salary at the rate of £12 per annum for one hour per day. It was agreed that, on the opening of the new School to be built for Abbeyhill, the persons appointed to the temporary School should be transferred to the new School; and when the attendance at the new School should exceed 500 children, that the salaries of the Head-master and Mistress of the Infant Department should be raised to £300 and £120 per annum respectively, in terms of the Regulations on Teachers' Salaries passed at this meeting; also that the Singing-Master should be employed for one hour per day for five days a week, at a salary of £40 per annum, and the Sewing-Mistress for the whole day at a salary of £60 per annum.

It was agreed that the School Management Committee meet on Friday, the 25th July, at four o'clock P.M., to make these appointments.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an assistant in North Canongate School, in room of Miss Ligertwood.

Mr. Balfour gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting of the School Management Committee, that the Infant Department of Victoria Terrace School should be re-opened.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 4th July* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 5 weeks ending 4th July 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	825	453	1278	702	274	976	629	242	871	89·4	88·3	89·24
Causewayside,	576	411	987	557	235	792	491	204	695	87·9	86·8	87·75
Dalry,	756	593	1349	750	274	1024	624	224	848	83·2	81·7	82·81
Dean,	313	189	502	270	138	408	232	128	360	85·9	84·	88·23
Deanhaugh Street,	245	187	432	185	138	323	155	117	272	83·7	85·5	84·21
Holyrood,	...	290	290	...	163	163	...	132	132	...	80·98	80·98
Leith Walk,	1085	501	1586	783	377	1160	671	328	999	85·6	87·	86·12
New Street,	833	523	1356	805	137	942	670	114	784	83·2	83·2	83·23
North Canongate,	561	196	757	439	149	588	348	119	467	79·2	79·8	79·42
Roseburn,	26	110	136	51	52	103	46	47	93	90·1	90·1	90·29
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	402	223	625	380	185	565	94·5	82·9	90·41
Stockbridge,	581	338	919	473	280	753	443	235	678	93·6	83·9	90·03
West Fountainbridge,	743	474	1217	608	372	980	556	322	878	91·2	86·5	89·59
West Port,	281	240	521	173	150	323	145	132	277	83·6	88·	85·7
Total,	7390	4864	12254	6198	2962	9160	5390	2529	7919	86·98	85·39	86·4
Corresponding period last session,	7558	5337	12895	5751	3315	9066	4910	2762	7672	85 37	83·31	84·6

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 4th July* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 4th July 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	220	301	521	170	200	370	159	160	319	93·5	80·	86·2
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .	296	...	296	201	...	201	172	...	172	85·57	...	85·57
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	264	...	264	190	...	190	173	...	173	91·05	...	91·05
,, ,, (Infants),	...	416	416	...	168	168	...	148	148	...	88·08	88·08
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	434	...	434	221	...	221	165	...	165	74·6	...	74·6
,, ,, (Infants),	...	493	493	...	147	147	...	121	121	...	82·3	82·3
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .	446	...	446	258	...	258	217	...	217	84·1	...	84·1
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys),												
,, ,, (Girls),												
,, ,, (Infants),	...	177	177	...	118	118	...	93	93	...	78·8	78·8
Total,												
Corresponding period of last session *not complete*, ...												

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 4th July* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 4th July 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	148	196	344	128	137	265	108	122	230	84·3	89·	86·7
Fountainbridge Free Church, . .	260	162	422	201	105	306	160	100	260	79·6	95·2	84·96
St. John's Hill (Infants), . . .	...	352	352	...	192	192	...	141	141	...	73·4	73·4
Trinity Episcopal, ...	217	342	559	184	255	439	139	179	318	75·5	70·2	72·4
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	100	...	100	78	...	78	74	...	74	94·89	...	94·89
Royal Blind Asylum, . . .	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
Total,	778	1052	1830	641	689	1330	531	542	1073	82·84	78·6	80·67
Corresponding period last session, .	802	1116	1918	640	726	1366	521	548	1069	81·4	75·4	78·25

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th June* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	308	279	...	10	11	3
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	318	295	...	7	8	7
3. High School Yards, .	330	318	289	...	9	10	8
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	318	284	...	3	10	9
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	310	289	...	11	8	1
6. Brown Square, . .	240	236	202	...	10	10	...
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	327	314	...	9	4	5
8. Broughton, . . .	250	248	224	...	9	10	...
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	321	298	...	4	6	2
10. Davie Street, . .	320	322	300	...	7	5	5
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	284	276	...	5	3	11
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	331	306	...	8	6	...
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	185	171	...	3	7	8
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	171	161	...	...	5	7
15. Broughton, . . .	160	141	127	...	1	8	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	187	170	...	...	8	12
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	174	161	...	2	6	9
18. Davie Street, . .	180	181	165	...	2	8	19
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	163	147	...	...	9	4
	4939	4843	4458	...	100	7	110

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 13th day of October* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	Dr. HARVEY.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	BAILIE TAWSE.
Rev. DR. SMITH.	Miss PHŒBE BLYTH.
Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting of the Board were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Minute of Special Meeting of the Board, held on Monday, the 8th September, was held as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

AT a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 8th day of September* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. BALFOUR.	Rev. JOHN KAY.
C. J. GUTHRIE, Esq.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

The Chairman explained that he had authorised the calling of a meeting of the Board instead of the School Management Committee, in order to pass a Minute to authorise the Clerk to make application to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for a Building Loan for Lothian Road and Canonmills Schools.

The Clerk laid on the table applications for the appointment of Assistant to the French Master in the High School. It was remitted to the School Management Committee to make the appointment.

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The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for the opening, on Monday, the 29th September, of the Evening Classes for the ensuing Winter Session, as follows:—

I.—ADVANCED CLASSES IN NORTH CANONGATE SCHOOL.

FOR YOUNG MEN.

English and Composition,	Mondays and Wednesdays,	John Byers.
Latin, . . .	Tuesdays and Thursdays, .	W. U. Martin.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Book-keeping and Writing, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George Robertson.

II.—ORDINARY CLASSES.

FOR YOUNG MEN.

1. *West Fountainbridge*, ...	John Barnie.
2. *New Street*, ...	Maxwell Shennan.
„ Special Class for Children under 13,	Thomas Ross.
3. *St. Leonard's*, ...	George Mackay.
4. *Dalry*, ...	David Duke.
5. *Stockbridge*, ...	Wm. Mackay.
6. *Leith Walk*, ...	James Reith.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

1. *Bristo*, ...	Andrew Peattie.
2. *Stockbridge*, ...	Jane Thallon.

The hours of teaching and fees, etc., for the Ordinary Classes to be the same as in former Sessions.

The Clerk reported that the enrolment at Abbeyhill School last week was—

In the Juvenile Department, . .	205
In the Infant Department, . . .	130

and that the staff consisted only of the Head-master, the Mistress of the Infant Department, and two pupil-teachers. It was agreed to advertise for a certificated Male Assistant, with a salary at the rate of £80 per annum, for this School, and to appoint three additional pupil-teachers. It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint the Assistant.

The Clerk laid on the Table Form No. III. L., received from the Scotch Education Department, dated 15th July 1879, intimating the consent of the Department to the borrowing by the Board the sum of £11,606, for providing Lothian Road School; also Form No. III. L., dated 29th August 1879, intimating the consent of the Department to the borrowing by the Board the sum of £8500, for providing Canonmills School—both loans to be repaid in thirty years.

The Board instructed the Clerk to make application to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, for a loan of £20,106, for providing these two Schools, and inasmuch as the principal contracts for the Schools

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have been accepted, and the works are being proceeded with, to request the Secretary of the Commissioners to forward the necessary papers and forms at his earliest convenience.

The Clerk laid on the table application from Dr. Robertson, Head-master of West Fountainbridge School, to open a Drawing Class (2d grade), for pupil-teachers and others in connection with the Science and Art Department. It was agreed to delay consideration of the application in the meantime, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Swanston, the Secretary of the Association of School Board Teachers, to ascertain whether it might not be possible to give instructions in Drawing (2d grade) to all the pupil-teachers in the Board Schools in a combined class.

The Clerk laid upon the table the enrolment in West Fountainbridge School, as at this date, viz. :—

In the Juvenile Department, ...	654
In the Infant Department, ...	293

and stated that Dr. Robertson, the Head-master, requested the Board to consider a proposal made by him last year to add one of the class-rooms of the Infant Department to the accommodation of the Juvenile Department. The accommodation of the School, at the rate of 8 square feet, is :—

For Juvenile Department, ...	640
For Infant Department, ...	291

It was agreed to inform Dr. Robertson that the Board do not at present see their way to disturb existing arrangements as regards the distribution of the teaching accommodation in the different departments of the School.

The Clerk reported that C. J. Wright, pupil-teacher in West Fountainbridge School, and Jessie M'D. Paton, pupil-teacher in West Port School, had resigned. The resignations were accepted.

It was agreed to appoint the following pupil-teachers, viz. :—Maria Ritchie to *West Fountainbridge ;* Grace Livingstone to *Deanhaugh Street ;* Nellie A. Fleming to *West Port ;* and Lizzie L. Turnbull, Jane Thomson, and Maggie Fisher, to *Abbeyhill.*

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

The Chairman read the following Report of the Committee on School Management of the business transacted by them during the Holidays :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee, in accordance with the remits made to them, made the following appointments to Abbeyhill (temporary) School, viz. :—

Head-master, George Anderson, at a salary of £250 per annum ; Infant Mistress, Miss Mary A. Alexander, assistant in Causewayside School, at a salary of £100 per annum ; Singing-Master, Mr. John Hall,

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at a salary of £25 per annum, for three hours' teaching per week; Sewing-Mistress, Miss Jane T. Smith, at a salary of £12 per annum, for one hour per day; and Mr. Alexander M'Bain, assistant, at a salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

The Committee, in accordance with the remit of the Board, agreed to appoint Miss Isabella MacIvor, third assistant in Juvenile Department, North Canongate School, to be second assistant Juvenile Department in the same School, in place of Miss Ligertwood, at a salary of £80 per annum; and Miss Christina W. Rennie, to be third assistant in room of Miss MacIvor, at a salary of £70 per annum.

The Committee appointed Mr. Caleb Hardy assistant in Causewayside School, in room of Miss Mary A. Alexander, at a salary of £80 per annum.

The Committee obtained the sanction of the Scotch Education Department to open Victoria Terrace School as an Infant School. The Committee appointed Miss Grace Crichton Mistress of the School at a salary of £75 per annum.

The Committee appointed Mr. Samuel Neil to be Head-master, in room of Mr. George Anderson, appointed to Abbeyhill School, at a salary of £150 per annum, of Fountainbridge Free Church School, the management of which the Board assumes on 1st September; and authorised the same scale of fees to be charged as in the other Board Schools.

The Committee authorised the Treasurer to pay the balances due to the Contractors for North Canongate School, upon the Certificate of the Architect. The professional accounts of the Architect for this School were remitted to the Law and Finance Committees.

The Committee had before them a letter from Dr. Donaldson, Rector of the High School, dated 25th July 1879, guaranteeing, on behalf of himself and the Masters, repayment of the sum of £102, 16s., which the Board had agreed to transfer from the rates to the High School fund at last meeting of the Board, in the event of this transfer being called in question.

The Committee agreed to fit up writing-desks in the Rector's room at the High School, for the Fifth and Sixth Classes, and remitted to the Architect to consult with the Rector as to the desks to be selected, and the number required.

The Committee had under their consideration the remit of the Board as to the report of the Committee on Evening Schools. The Committee agreed to open the classes for ordinary branches recommended in the Report, with an instruction to the Evening Schools Committee to close the Girls' Class at Stockbridge at Christmas, if they see fit to do so. They agreed to open the classes for advanced Subjects recommended by the Committee, with the exception of the French Class for young women. It was agreed that the same arrangements for teaching Singing in the classes for young women be made this Session as the last, and that Mr. D. Fraser be continued as Teacher. It was agreed to fix the Salaries of the Teachers of the Advanced Classes at £20 each for the Session. The Fees of the Advanced Classes were fixed at 4s. for one Class, and for two Classes 6s.; the pupils to supply their own books, stationery, etc.

It was remitted to Miss Blyth, with powers, to make such arrangements with the Head Master of Bristo School as will secure that the average attendance for the year ending 31st December 1879 do not exceed 860.

The Committee agreed to authorise Mr. Wilson, the Architect, to get

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the Hall under Abbey Church fitted up for a temporary School. The Committee agreed to pay £5 per annum to the Managers of the Church for the use of the heating apparatus.

The Committee decided to refuse the request of Mr. C. J. Henderson, Coltbridge Hall, for the use, during the Holidays, of West Fountainbridge School, for the purpose of experimentally illustrating his system of heating and ventilating public buildings, etc.

The Committee authorised the purchase of a site for Abbeyhill School from Mr. Robert Younger, at a price not to exceed £2200.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. John Davidson, assistant in St. Leonard's School, and appointed Miss Isabella Swan temporarily in his place, at a salary of 25s. per week.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. James V. Brown, assistant in New Street School, and remitted to Mr. Robertson, the Head-master, to supply Mr. Brown's place temporarily.

The Committee authorised the Architect to accept the following estimates for repairs, etc., to be made during the holidays, viz.:—

Fountainbridge School—	
Painter Work, W. Forsyth, ...	£6 15 0
Leith Walk School—	
Painter Work, A. & D. Dickson, . . .	9 10 0
Roofing Conveniences, David Greig, . .	54 10 0
Granite Concrete at Girls' Play-ground, 468 yards *at* 4s. 3d., Stuart and Co., . .	99 9 0
New Street School—	
Painter Work, John Hamilton, . . .	15 18 0
Stockbridge School—	
Painter Work, W. Forsyth, ...	2 17 0

The Committee instructed the Architect to get one of the class-rooms in the High School, ventilated in the way suggested by him.

The Committee agreed to provide Dalry School with 14 forms for the Infant Department, and to put wooden straps on the wall for hanging illustrations; for North Canongate School, 18 short benches to serve as seats for the back rows of desks; and to supply two clocks to the High School, to be got from Mr. John Gray, Bank Street.

It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Cookery Classes next winter. It was also remitted to this Committee to consider what, if any, changes may be necessary in regard to the districts of the Compulsory Officers' assistants.

The Committee agreed to advertise, as in former years, the re-opening of the High School on 1st October.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee to revise the salaries of certain of the assistant teachers in the Elementary Schools.

The Committee had interview with Messrs. Brebner, Ferrier, and Muriset, candidates for the situation of assistant to the French Master in the High School. After consideration, they agreed to appoint Mr. Ferrier. The salary to be at the rate of £50 per annum, and the hours of teaching from 10.45 to 12.30 daily.

The Committee appointed the following Pupil-teachers: To *St. Leonard's School*, Walter Neill, James Houston, Maggie C. Forsyth, and Catherine Ogilvy; to *Abbeyhill*, James Barnetson and John Johnston;

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to *Leith Walk*, Malcolm M'Donald; to *Deanhaugh Street*, Margaret Nicol, in room of Grace Livingstone resigned.

The Committee approved of a Report by Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., dated 23d July 1879, informing the Board what steps he had taken to protect the Board's rights with regard to new buildings erected on a site adjoining the playground of Bristo School.

The Committee have to report that letters accepting the appointments above reported have been received, and also that letters of acceptance have been received from the teachers appointed to conduct the Evening Classes.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to take the necessary steps to recover certain arrears of fees due at Leith Walk School during last session.

The Committee remitted to Mr. Adamson, in the absence of the Convener of the School Attendance Committee, to conduct the examination of children under thirteen years of age for admission to Evening Classes.

The Committee had before them Form VI. b., for Abbeyhill School, and instructed the Clerk to sign and forward the same to the Department.

The Report was approved.

It was agreed to record the thanks of the Board to Mr. Balfour for his services in securing a site for a new School at Abbeyhill.

The Clerk read the following Report by Mr. Wilson, Architect, on the Schools in course of erection :—

REPORT ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

St. Leonard's School.

The flooring is all laid on the upper floor, and the wood finishing on that floor is being put up. The flooring is being laid on the ground floor.

Lothian Road School.

The greater part of the building is built up to the level of the wall head. The lower building in Cambridge Street is ready for slating.

Canonmills School.

Part of the back wall is ready for the joisting of upper floor. The other walls, on an average, are built to about one-half of the height of ground floor. Robt. Wilson.

The Chairman reported that the Board's Elementary Schools were opened on 1st September, and that the enrolment on 3d October was 10,700 as against 9196 at same period last Session. The Evening Classes were opened on the 29th September, and 380 were enrolled as at 9th October. The High School was opened on 1st October, and the enrolment at this date is 389.

The Clerk reported that at an examination of children under thirteen years of age for admission to Evening Classes, held by Mr. Adamson on 26th September, there appeared 58 children, of whom 56 were passed, and 2 allowed to attend a class, although not passed. These children are all now attending an Evening Class.

The following Returns by the Compulsory Officer were laid upon the Table :—

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COMPULSORY OFFICER'S RETURN FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDING 12TH JULY 1879.

District.	Number Visited during the Ten Months ending 13th July 1879.	Dead.	Above Age.	Incurable.	Left the City.	Removed to other parts of City.	Gone to School.	Absent through Temporary Causes.	Of the Number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are—									Of the number under promise to send.	
									Refractory.	Sick.	In Want of Clothing.	In want of Fees.	Considered by Parents too young.	In Want of School Accommodation.	Under Promise to send soon.	Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 years of Age.	Fault of Parents.	Fault of Children.
1. Canongate, .	2781	4	82	2	71	85	1764	773	...	480	34	24	69	17	149	515	258	131	18
2. High Street, .	3126	...	30	3	51	43	2275	724	29	284	32	9	36	7	327	492	232	275	52
3. Cowgate, .	2926	7	47	8	61	143	1749	911	11	421	42	19	27	80	311	457	454	299	12
4. Grassmarket, .	2432	2	56	3	36	55	1765	515	15	229	7	6	35	...	223	293	222	161	62
5. Fountainbridge,	3721	1	65	...	128	114	2209	1204	1	720	31	14	56	67	315	595	609	273	42
6. Stockbridge, .	3687	2	78	...	92	88	2507	920	...	619	53	18	...	...	230	619	301	202	28
7. Greenside,	3478	7	49	3	105	100	2328	886	1	541	50	17	42	4	231	388	498	221	10
8. Pleasance, .	3556	6	30	2	41	84	2294	1099	...	541	31	39	55	7	426	641	458	392	34
Total,	25,707	29	437	21	585	712	16,891	7032	57	3835	280	146	320	182	2212	4000	3032	1954	258

NOTE.—There are upwards of two thousand children requiring the fortnightly or monthly visit of the Officers, and consequently are represented several times in the columns headed: "number visited"—"gone to school"—"absent through temporary causes"—and "under promise to send soon."

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RESULT of ENUMERATION by OFFICERS during the Month of August 1879.

No. of District.	PARTS OF THE CITY ENUMERATED.	Number of Families Enumerated.	Number of Children Represented.	Number of each Age.		Found Present at School in September.		Found Absent from School.	
				Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.	Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.	Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.
1	Canongate, North and South Backs, and Dumbiedykes, . .	1,781	3,339	2,584	755	1,839	491	745	264
2	High Street, Lawnmarket, and Closes, ...	971	1,781	1,339	442	1,182	280	207	162
3	Cowgate, Bristo, Potterrow, and part of Pleasance, . . .	1,489	2,732	2,020	712	1,679	442	341	270
4	Grassmarket, West Port, Lauriston, and part of Fountainbridge, .	1,397	2,472	1,736	736	1,391	450	345	286
5	Fountainbridge, Dalry, and Roseburn, ...	1,890	3,782	2,761	971	2,232	738	529	233
6	Stockbridge, Canonmills, and Broughton, ...	1,930	3,749	2,805	944	2,266	766	539	178
7	Greenside, Pilrig, London Road, and Abbey Hill, ...	1,775	3,409	2,467	942	2,118	738	354	209
8	St. Leonard's, Causewayside, and part of Pleasance, . . .	2,067	3,665	2,863	802	2,291	490	572	312
9	Morningside and Dean, ...	236	436	275	161	266	112	9	49
		13,536	25,315	18,850	6,465	15,209	4,502	3,641	1,968
						19,711		5,604	
	Enumeration in August 1878, ...	12,788	24,016	18,664	5,352	15,020	3,668	3,643	1,685
						18,688		5,328	

NOTE.—The visiting of the Schools commenced ten days after they were opened. A much larger number of Children are now upon the Rolls of the Schools.

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The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Returns of School Attendance were laid upon the Table. The following is an Abstract of the Attendance for the five weeks ended 3d October:—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 16 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 10 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; for Five Weeks ending 3d October 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 3d Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants	TOTAL.
DAY SCHOOLS.												
Board Schools, . . .	7000	3700	10700	6150	3214	9364	5552	2887	8439	90·04	89·45	90·12
Roman Catholic Schools, .	1644	764	2408	1307	784	2091	1070	563	1633	81·86	71·81	78·09
Non-Board Schools, . .	1382	966	2348	1247	895	2142	1124	649	1773	90·13	72·51	82·72
Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	4939	..	..	4839	..	..	4387	..	..	96·59

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The State of the Treasurer's Intromissions for year from 16th May 1878 to 15th May 1879, together with the Report upon it by the Auditor of the Board, which had lain on the Table from last meeting, was considered. (For State and Report, see Appendix No. VI.)

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Adamson, to remit to the Finance Committee to inquire into the inequalities of the Expenditure upon the several Schools, and report as to the cause.

The resignation of Miss Chesser, assistant in the Infant Department of Causewayside School, was intimated. It was agreed to accept her resignation.

A proposal as to the inspection of Religious Instruction in Public Schools, with accompanying letter, dated Edinburgh, August 1879, and signed by the Right Hon. Lord Moncreiff, and Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., were submitted to the meeting. Dr. Scott moved, and Mr. Kay seconded, that meanwhile the proposal lie on the Table. This was agreed to.

Read letter from Mr. Greig, Inspector of Poor, City Parish, dated 18th September 1879, requesting the signature of the Chairman and Clerk to a formal discharge enclosed, certifying that the Parochial Board had duly discharged their duty of levying and recovering the whole School rate certified by the Board for the year ended 14th May 1879. The letter was remitted, with powers, to the Finance Committee.

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The Balance-sheet of the Board for year ended 15th May 1878, with relative vouchers, examined and passed in terms of Section 48 of the Education Act, were laid upon the Table; also an account of the Income and Expenditure of the High School for the same period, with relative vouchers, examined and passed in terms of section 48 of the Education Act. The Treasurer was instructed to lay them by, with the balance-sheets and vouchers of former years, in a place of safety.

Read letter from Mr. James Swanston, Secretary of the Association of Teachers under the Edinburgh School Board, dated 13th October 1879, suggesting that a combined class of all the pupil-teachers might be formed in one of the Board's Schools, to meet on Saturday forenoons, from 9 to 11 o'clock, for the purpose of instruction in Drawing (Second Grade), and that a special teacher could be employed to conduct it. It was remitted to the School Work Committee to report upon the suggestions.

Mr. Balfour, with consent of the Board, withdrew the motion of which he had given notice, viz. :—"That it be remitted to the School Work Committee to consider what may be done, if anything, to promote uniformity in the various books used in the Schools under charge of the Board."

As it appears from the Monthly Returns that 593 scholars have already been enrolled in Abbeyhill School, it was agreed to ask the consent of the Department to build this School to accommodate 700 children, instead of 500 for which sanction has already been received, and, in the meantime, Mr. Wilson was instructed to prepare the plans for the School to accommodate 700 children.

It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee, with powers, to arrange with the Compulsory Officer for the employment of some of his staff to secure that parents and others contravening the employment clauses of the Education (Scotland) Acts 1872 and 1878 may be prosecuted.

The Minutes of Agreement between the Board and the undermentioned Pupil-teachers were signed, viz. :—

For Bristo School: Jessie S. Clark, Florence J. Scott, Elizabeth L. Morrison, William T. C. Bell, and Helen Moncur.

For Causewayside School: Jessie M'Donald and Andrew W. Dick.

For Dalry School: May M. Menzies, Catherine Purvis, Jane S. Robertson, Helen C. Smith, Sarah L. Munro, Agnes Miller, Agnes Paterson, and Elizabeth Anderson.

For Dean School: Mary Hunter.

For Leith Walk School: Bessie M'G. Stewart, Robert James Reith, and Isabella A. Goodwin.

For New Street School: Annie Allan, Williamina M. Forrester, Martha Wipper, Grace R. Spence, and Wilhelmina E. M. Flett.

For Stockbridge School: Eliza A. Weir, Agnes Cunningham, and Margaret Mackie.

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For West Fountainbridge School: Jane Porteous, Mary Ann P. Kerr, and James H. Deas.

PRIVATE.

Dr. Harvey submitted the Report of the Committee on School Work, and Print of the Reports by H.M. Inspectors, and by the Head-masters, on the various Elementary Schools.

The Report and Print were remitted to the School Management Committee, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a Table as an appendix to the Report of H.M. Inspectors, showing the numbers presented and passed in each Standard in each School separately, with the names of the teachers who taught each Standard. He was also instructed to affix to the Reports the names of the Inspectors reporting. It was further remitted to the School Management Committee to report upon Dean and Leith Walk Schools, and the Clerk was instructed to get printed the Reports by H.M. Inspectors and Examiners in Religious Instruction, for former years, in these Schools.

The Reports of the Examiners in Religious Instruction were remitted to the School Management Committee.

The Report of the Examiners of the High School was remitted to the High School Committee, with instructions to report on an early date upon the question of the Examination of the School.

It was remitted to Dr. Harvey, Mr. M'Kenzie, and the Visitors of the Schools, to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the remit of the Board in July last with regard to the teaching of sewing in Dean and Deanhaugh Street Schools.

It was agreed to transfer the whole of the present staff teaching in St. Leonard's School, along with the Head-master, to the new School, with the exception of Miss Kello, the Sewing-Mistress, and Miss Swan, temporary assistant. It was agreed to advertise for a Male Assistant at £80, and a Sewing Mistress at £60 per annum, for the new School.

It was agreed to appoint Miss Beck to the first assistantship in New Street School, and to advertise for a Male Assistant, at a salary of £80, to fill Miss Beck's place.

It was agreed to accept the resignation of Robert Topping, Pupil-teacher in Deanhaugh Street School, as at the end of October, to enable him to attend the University, and to pay him the Bonus which would fall due upon the completion of his apprenticeship. It was agreed to advertise for a Male Assistant for Deanhaugh Street School at a salary of £80.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee and the Visitors of the School to make arrangements for additional sewing instruction in Abbeyhill School, and to report upon the desirableness of securing additional temporary School accommodation in that district.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Two Weeks ending 18th July 1879.*

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 2 Weeks ending 18th July 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo,	825	453	1278	690	276	966	612	232	844	88·6	84·	87·37
Causewayside,	576	411	987	504	239	743	403	184	587	79·8	76·9	78·86
Dalry,	753	593	1346	740	273	1013	593	210	803	80·1	76·9	79·26
Dean,	313	189	502	260	135	395	201	117	318	77·2	86·6	80·5
Deanhaugh Street,	245	187	432	186	134	320	144	112	256	77·4	83·5	80·
Holyrood,				Return	not	received						
Leith Walk,	1085	501	1586	760	387	1147	620	326	946	81·5	84·2	82·47
New Street,	833	523	1356	792	136	928	626	104	730	79·	76·4	78·66
North Canongate,	561	198	759	449	152	601	321	120	441	71·4	78·9	73·37
Roseburn,	26	110	136	50	50	100	47	44	91	94·	88·	91·
St. Leonard's,	565	359	924	402	221	623	367	191	558	91·2	86·4	89·56
Stockbridge,	581	338	919	468	283	751	440	238	678	94·	84·	90·27
West Fountainbridge,	744	474	1218	606	370	976	527	298	825	86·9	80·5	84·52
West Port,				Return	not	received						
TOTAL,												
Corresponding period last year,	7589	5432	13,021	5660	3321	8981	4791	2695	7486	84·64	81·15	83·35

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APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT BOARD SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 3d October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 3d Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Abbeyhill,	371	222	593	304	185	489	274	165	439	90·1	89·1	89·77
Bristo,	718	376	1094	672	351	1023	592	321	913	88·	91·4	89·24
Causewayside,	531	281	812	461	245	706	418	224	642	90·6	91·4	90·93
Dalry,	704	380	1084	603	336	939	557	293	850	92·3	87·1	90·52
Dean,	241	145	386	194	137	331	173	124	297	89·1	90·5	89·72
Deanhaugh Street,	215	130	345	188	104	292	170	90	260	90.4	86·5	89·04
Fountainbridge,	257	155	412	227	140	367	189	120	309	88·1	84·2	84·19
Leith Walk,	755	380	1135	638	324	962	581	290	871	91·	89·5	90·54
New Street,	588	260	848	570	233	803	496	208	704	87·	89·2	86·3
North Canongate,	547	165	712	426	137	563	370	122	492	86·8	89·	87·38
Roseburn,	43	61	104	38	50	88	35	48	83	92·3	96·	94·31
St. Leonard's,	613	315	928	557	269	826	512	245	757	91·9	91·	91·64
Stockbridge,	502	253	755	448	219	667	431	205	636	96·1	93·6	95·35
Victoria Terrace,	,,	76	76	,,	50	50	,,	46	46	,,	92·	92·
West Fountainbridge,	735	346	1081	673	314	987	621	282	903	90·7	89·4	91·48
West Port,	180	155	335	151	120	271	133	104	237	88·	86·6	87·45
TOTAL,	7000	3700	10700	6150	3214	9364	5552	2887	8439	90·04	89·45	90·12
Corresponding period last Session,	5660	3536	9196	5043	3152	8195	4521	2818	7339	89·62	8·94	89·55

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 3d October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 3d Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	150	179	329	140	152	292	129	121	250	92·1	79·6	85·61
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	323	...	323	234	...	234	185	...	185	79·05	...	79·05
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls, .	262	...	262	180	...	180	160	...	160	88·88	...	88·88
,, ,, Infants,	...	310	310	...	262	262	...	188	188	...	71·75	71·75
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	261	...	261	239	...	239	167	...	167	69·87	...	69·87
,, ,, Infants,	...	104	104	...	230	230	...	160	160	...	69·56	69·56
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	298	...	298	235	...	235	202	...	202	85·95	...	85·95
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	180	...	180	148	...	148	109	...	109	73·64	...	73·64
,, ,, Girls, .	170	...	170	131	...	131	118	...	118	90·07	...	90·07
,, ,, Infants, .	...	171	171	...	140	140	...	94	94	...	67·14	67·14
TOTAL,	1644	764	2408	1307	784	2091	1070	563	1633	81·86	71 81	78·09
Corresponding period last Session,	1453	984	2437	1207	704	1911	1000	560	1560	82·85	79·54	81·63

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APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Ten* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Five Weeks ending 3d October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 3d Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	135	155	290	130	150	280	116	124	240	89·2	82·6	85·71
Canongate Christian Society, . .	122	...	122	109	...	109	100	...	100	91·74	...	91·74
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	166	132	298	160	126	286	134	78	212	83·7	61·9	74·12
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, . . .	258	50	308	220	46	266	202	41	243	91·8	89·1	91·35
St. Andrew's Episcopal, . . .	147	190	337	135	156	291	119	139	258	88·1	89·1	88·65
Trinity Episcopal, ...	150	304	454	126	286	412	95	147	242	75·3	51·3	58·73
St. John's Episcopal, Boys, . .	141	...	141	124	...	124	117	...	117	94·3	...	94·3
Do. do. Girls and Infants,	140	135	275	121	131	252	120	120	240	99·1	91·6	95·23
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	77	...	77	77	...	77	76.	...	76	98·7	...	98·7
Royal Blind Asylum, . . .	46	...	46	45	...	45	45	...	45	100·	...	100·
TOTAL,	1382	966	2348	1247	895	2142	1124	649	1773	90·13	72·51	82·72
Corresponding period last Session for eight Schools, . . .	831	683	1514	746	616	1362	661	475	1136	88·6	77·11	83·4

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APPENDIX No. V.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th September* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	300	274	...	41	8	15
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	322	290	...	30	6	3
3. High School Yards, .	330	311	283	...	34	8	11
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	321	287	...	36	7	10
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	303	267	...	26	6	12
6. Brown Square, . .	240	239	219	...	26	6	7
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	319	296	...	24	6	16
8. Broughton, . . .	250	250	230	...	21	5	10
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	321	282	...	20	7	9
10. Davie Street, . .	320	297	265	...	35	5	7
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	283	270	...	25	3	22
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	334	301	...	21	5	20
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	184	169	...	2	8	8
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	170	158	...	4	6	22
15. Broughton, . . .	160	155	139	...	1	7	8
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	186	173	...	2	6	43
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	171	159	...	4	7	30
18. Davie Street, . .	180	182	167	...	...	8	50
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	191	158	...	...	8	3
	4939	4839	4387	...	352	642	306

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APPENDIX No. VI.

STATE OF THE TREASURER'S INTROMISSIONS

WITH THE FUNDS OF THE

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

From 16th MAY 1878 to 15th MAY 1879.

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I.—GENERAL FUND

CHARGE.

I. Balance at 15th May 1878—							
In Commercial Bank on Current Account,						£1,103	5 11
In Treasurer's hands,						3	1 11½
						£1,106	7 10½
II. School Rates—							
Amount received from—							
St. Cuthbert's Parish, for 1878-79,				£9,425	0 0		
City Parish, for 1877-78,	£51	15	8				
,, for 1878-79	6,390	14	6				
				6,442	10 2		
South Leith, for 1877-78,	£155	19	5				
,, for 1878-79,	540	0	0				
				695	19 5		
North Leith, for 1878-79,				1	10 8		
Duddingston, for 1877-78,				2	19 6		
Liberton, for 1878-79,				10	8 1		
						16,578	7 10
III Revenue derived from Schools—							
School Fees, per Schedule A, page 8,				£4,201	1 1		
Grants from Scotch Education Department, per Schedule A, page 8,				6,214	6 0		
Miscellaneous Receipts, per Schedule A, page 8,				3	12 1		
						10,418	19 2
IV. Fines Recovered under The Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, Sections 70 and 72,						23	15 6
V. Miscellaneous Receipts,						1	15 7
VI. Repayment from the "High School Building Fund" of Advance in connection with new Writing Class-Room,						1,735	0 0
SUM OF THE CHARGE,						£29,864	5 11½

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ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

I. Expenses of Schools—							
1. Salaries to Teachers, per Schedule B, pages 8 and 9,						£12,709	2 10
2. Books, Apparatus, and Stationery, per do.,						405	8 8
3. Fuel and Light, per do.,						369	7 1
4. Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning, per do.,						492	3 11
5. Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, per do.,						1,373	19 2½
6. Repairs to Buildings, per do.,						321	7 3
7. Printing and Advertising, per do.,						72	5 5
8. Salaries of Janitors, per do.,						1,032	19 2
9. Miscellaneous Expenses, per do.,						0	17 6
						£16,777	11 0½
II. Expenses of the Board—							
1. Salaries—							
Clerk and Treasurer, Assistants, and House Officer, etc.,	£1,305	12 6					
Compulsory Officer and Assistants,	835	8 5					
			£2,141	0 11			
2. Books and Stationery,			65	10 4			
3. Fuel and Light,			17	0 0			
4. Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning,			32	17 10			
5. Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance,			181	17 9½			
6. Repairs to Buildings,			1	15 4			
7. Printing, Postages, Advertising, and Office Charges,			305	4 6			
8. Retiring Allowances to Teachers,			40	0 0			
9. Miscellaneous Expenses,			71	18 2			
						2,857	4 10½
III. Election Expenses,						1,318	11 5
IV. General Expenses—							
1. Travelling Expenses of Candidates for Appointments as Teachers,			£5	7 2			
2. Expenses of Deputations,			71	2 0			
3. Law Expenses connected with Loan for £15,735,			35	12 6			
4. Prosecution of Defaulting Parents,			126	13 5			
5. Fees to Examiners in Religious Instruction,			42	0 0			
						280	15 1
V. Instalments paid on Loans of £70,000 and £35,000—							
Principal, £2176, 14s. 7d.; Interest, £3532, 12s. 11d.,						5,709	7 6
VI. Interest paid to Commercial Bank on overdrawn Account,						143	17 10
VII. High School Examination Expenses for Year 1878,						29	8 0
VIII. Erection of New Writing Class-Room at High School,						35	11 2
Note.—Amount paid in prior years, £1,699	8 10						
This year, as above,	35	11 2					
Together,	£1,735	0 0					
IX. Balance at 15th May 1879—							
In Commercial Bank on Current Account,			£2,700	12 6			
In Treasurer's hands,			11	6 6½			
						2,711	19 0½
SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE,						£29,864	5 11½

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II.—BUILDING

CHARGE.

I. Balance due by Commercial Bank at 15th May 1878,				£5,932	3 6
II. Loan from Public Works Loan Commissioners—					
1. High School Writing Class-room,	£1,735	0	0		
2. St. Leonard's School, first Advance of £14,000,	5,000	0	0		
				6,735	0 0
III. Building Grants from Scotch Education Department—					
1. Causewayside School,	£637	10	0		
2. Stockbridge School,	623	5	0		
3. West Fountainbridge School,	931	5	0		
4. Bristo School,	862	0	0		
5. Leith Walk School,	1,011	0	0		
				4,065	0 0
IV. Interest on Bank Account with Commercial Bank,				45	7 0
V. Balance due to Commercial Bank at 15th May 1879,				1,896	1 11
SUM OF THE CHARGE,				£18,673	12 5

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FUND ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

I. Purchase of Sites and Expenses connected therewith—				
1. Abbeyhill School, ...				£2 2 0
2. Bristo School, ...		£8,739 16 2		
Less entered in prior Accounts, . .		8,490 17 1		
				248 19 1
3. Canonmills School, ...				40 5 0
4. Dalry School, ...		£71 7 1		
Less entered in prior Accounts, . .		42 17 8		
				28 9 5
5. Lothian Road School, ...				3,156 10 0
6. North Canongate School, ...		£5,257 18 9		
Less entered in prior Accounts, . .		1,098 4 9		
				4,159 14 0
7. St. Leonard's School, ...				1 2 0
				£7,637 1 6
II. Erection of Schools—				
1. Bristo School, ...	£10,518 2 3			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	9,322 19 7			
		£1,195 2 8		
2. Causewayside School, . . .	£9,716 5 6			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	9,683 1 7			
	£33 3 11			
Less Dividend received on sequestrated estate of Messrs. Grieve and Lamb, . . .	3 18 4			
		29 5 7		
3. Dalry School, ...	£8,249 15 2			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	6,522 3 6			
		1,727 11 8		
4. High School Writing Class-room,	. .	1,735 0 0		
5. North Canongate School, . .	£9,409 16 9			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	4,835 3 7			
		4574 13 2		
6. St. Leonard's School, . .	. .	1,719 10 0		
7. Stockbridge School, . .	£8,940 4 4			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	8,924 7 4			
		15 17 0		
8. West Fountainbridge School, .	£10,956 17 0			
Less entered in prior Accounts, .	10,917 6 2			
		39 10 10		
				11,036 10 11
SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE,				£18,673 12 5

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III.—HIGH SCHOOL

CHARGE.

I. **Balance due by Royal Bank,** on Current Account, at 15th May 1879,			£504 0 8
II. **Endowment Fund—**			
Amount received from Town-Council of Edinburgh—			
1. General Endowment,	£808 19 3		
2. Special Prizes,	13 11 4		
3. Do. Benjamin Mackay's Bequest,	5 1 10		
		827 12 5	
III. **School Fees—**			
Matriculation,	£107 10 0		
Prescribed Course and Special Classes, £4,784 13 0			
Less Fees repaid, 9 10 6			
	4,775 2 6		
Music, £101 10 0			
Less Fee repaid, 0 2 6			
	101 7 6		
Drawing, £101 2 0			
Less Fee repaid, 0 10 6			
	100 11 6		
Hindustani,	1 11 6		
Military Drill,	48 17 6		
Fencing and Gymnastics,	24 13 6		
Shorthand,	14 3 6		
Fortification and Engineering	1 1 0		
		5,174 18 6	
IV. **Receipts from School Fund—**			
Examination Expenses,	£29 8 0		
Retiring Allowance to Mr. Mackie,	20 0 0		
		49 8 0	
V. **Building Loan for New Writing Class-room,**		1,735 0 0	
SUM OF THE CHARGE,		£8,290 19 7	

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FUND ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

Masters' Salaries,	£5,676	3	10
Janitor's Salary,	87	15	6
Repairs to Buildings,	131	16	5
Taxes and Insurance,	63	14	5
Repairs to Furniture, etc.,	18	13	6
Cleaners' Wages,	65	2	0
Fuel and Light,	41	0	11
Books, Apparatus, and Stationery,	52	4	5
Prizes,	76	5	3
Printing, Postages, and Advertising,	72	16	11
Retiring Allowances to Masters,	20	0	0
Examination Expenses,	29	8	0
Erection of Writing Class-room,	1,735	0	0
Travelling Expenses of Candidates,	0	5	3
Balance due by Royal Bank, on Current Account, at 15th May 1879,	220	13	2
SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE,	£8,290	19	7

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SCHEDULE A.

DAY SCHOOLS.	School Fees.	Grants from Scotch Education Department.	Miscellaneous Receipts.	TOTAL REVENUE FROM SCHOOLS.	Salaries of Teachers.	Books, Apparatus, and Stationery.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bristo, . . .	501 18 11	622 9 0	3 12 1	1128 0 0	1169 1 10	34 10 6
Causewayside, . .	359 9 7½	496 15 0	...	856 4 7½	1097 16 10	20 1 9
Dalry, ...	411 7 2½	...	...	411 7 2½	1156 19 1	52 7 4
Dean,.	163 10 11½	240 8 0	...	403 18 11½	496 6 7	17 3 11
Deanhaugh Street, .	134 8 8	240 19 0	...	375 7 8	483 18 6	9 19 4
Holyrood, . . .	127 4 0½	225 11 0	...	352 15 0½	425 5 6	10 17 8
Leith Walk, . .	542 17 10	604 2 0	...	1146 19 10	1248 16 3	50 10 4
New Street, . .	336 1 1½	1369 7 10*	...	1705 8 11½	1426 17 0	76 10 9
North Canongate, .	66 18 7½	...	...	66 18 7½	266 5 0	7 18 3
Ponton Street, . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roseburn, . . .	27 19 6	52 1 8	...	80 1 2	100 12 6	3 1 8
St. Leonard's, . .	428 3 2½	567 3 0	...	995 6 2½	1250 8 9	31 14 10
Stockbridge, . .	379 0 0½	564 2 6	...	943 2 6½	1150 15 1	25 8 3
Victoria Terrace .	54 7 8	164 3 0	...	218 10 8	269 11 2	4 10 6
West Fountainbridge,	470 7 9½	739 3 6	...	1209 11 3½	1460 19 8	39 17 10
West Port, . .	94 18 4½	202 8 0	...	297 6 4½	397 18 8	7 11 6
EVENING SCHOOLS.						
Bristo, . . .	22 17 0	27 2 6	...	49 19 6	67 13 9	2 11 5
Dalry, . . .	11 1 0	...	...	11 1 0	32 12 6	3 3 11
Leith Walk, . .	11 15 0	9 13 0	...	21 8 0	31 10 0	0 13 5
New Street, . .	17 19 9	21 0 0	...	38 19 9	54 4 2	1 13 10
St. Leonard's, . .	7 2 0	18 7 6	...	25 9 6	25 2 6	1 18 0
Stockbridge (Boys), .	11 1 6	14 16 6	...	25 18 0	30 15 0	0 19 2
Do. (Girls), .	3 15 0	10 7 6	...	14 2 6	22 5 0	0 8 11
West Fountainbridge,	16 16 3	24 5 6	...	41 1 9	43 7 6	1 15 7
TOTAL,	4201 1 1	6214 6 0	3 12 1	10,418 19 2	12,709 2 10	405 8 8

N.B.—The difference between the Total Expenditure, £16,777, 11s. 0½d., and the Tot
School-rate for the year in respect

* Grants for two years.

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SCHEDULE B.

Fuel and Light.	Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	Repairs to School Buildings.	Printing and Advertising.	Salaries of Janitors.	Miscellaneous Expenses.	TOTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
42 3 3	37 13 7	192 19 8½	24 8 2	8 13 1	113 11 6	...	1623 1 7½
37 15 7	17 4 3	81 14 11½	6 11 2	6 0 5	119 8 6	...	1386 13 5½
31 18 1	26 19 0	283 6 0	1 3 9	11 16 9	127 9 2	...	1691 19 2
23 4 9	26 5 6	42 6 1	15 1 9	1 15 10	115 13 10	...	737 18 3
3 8 9	24 13 1½	14 3 9	10 17 6	1 3 3	...	...	548 4 2½
4 0 11	16 14 10	14 7 5	16 17 2	2 19 1	...	...	491 2 7
35 7 2	118 16 3	304 18 6	86 8 2	4 5 5	113 11 6	...	1962 13 7
33 10 0	34 18 6	106 0 10½	21 12 6	4 12 4	113 11 6	...	1817 13 5½
7 10 0	11 13 6	22 18 0	...	4 8 8	57 10 10	...	378 4 3
0 16 3	...	31 10 11	3 10 11	...	...	...	35 18 1
3 10 0	13 10 4½	11 19 2	3 2 7	0 9 8	...	...	136 5 11½
6 5 11	60 5 4	50 12 11	60 6 11	7 5 10	...	...	1467 0 6
25 6 3	31 16 9	75 6 8½	15 19 3	5 16 9	113 11 6	...	1444 0 6½
4 10 7	16 4 3½	41 12 7½	1 7 0	0 11 0	...	...	338 7 2
27 2 9	39 5 1½	97 19 7	39 8 10	2 8 6	133 18 10	0 17 6	1841 18 7½
5 4 4	15 3 6	2 2 0	14 11 7	1 4 3	...	...	443 15 10
19 9 1	...	...	...	1 6 3	5 5 0	...	96 5 6
12 7 1	...	...	...	1 0 1	3 0 0	...	52 3 7
5 11 4	...	...	...	1 0 11	3 0 0	...	41 15 8
15 18 5	...	...	...	1 4 5	5 5 0	...	78 5 10
4 3 11	1 0 0	...	...	1 0 11	2 2 0	...	35 7 4
4 0 8	...	...	...	1 0 11	3 0 0	...	39 15 9
4 0 7	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	...	27 15 6
12 1 5	...	...	...	1 0 1	3 0 0	...	61 4 7
69 7 1	492 3 11	1373 19 2½	321 7 3	72 5 5	1032 19 2	0 17 6	16,777 11 0½

come, £10,418, 19s. 2d., amounting to £6358, 11s. 10½d., is the Sum chargeable upon the e cost of the Elementary Schools.

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REPORT on the ACCOUNTS of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD *for year ending 15th May* 1879.

THE Accountants have examined and checked the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Edinburgh School Board for the year ending 15th May 1879, and compared them with the Vouchers and other instructions, and also with the entries in the Board Cash Books and Ledgers, and have found them correctly stated and sufficiently vouched. They have accordingly docqueted the Accounts as correct. In the course of the Audit, as formerly, the Accountants have made promiscuous selections of certain of the numerous and voluminous School Fee Collection Books which are made up by the Masters weekly and monthly, and have found those selected to be kept in a correct manner, and that the total Fees which appear from these Books to have been received from Pupils agree with the corresponding entries in the Board Cash Book.

The Accountants have also examined the Accounts for Election Expenses. They find that the items composing these Accounts have been carefully gone over and their payment authorised by a Special Committee of the Board, as appears from Minute of Meeting of 16th April 1879.

As suggested by the Accountants in last year's Report, the Fee Book of the High School, showing the Fees collected each quarter, has been signed by the Rector. He has also signed the Abstract of these Fees, the amount of which agrees with the amount of the High School Fees appearing in the School Board Accounts for the past year.

The results of the year's transactions are as follows:—

I. General Fund.

INCOME OF THE YEAR—			
School Rates,			£16,578 7 10
School Fees,			4,201 1 1
Government Grants for Schools,			6,214 6 0
Miscellaneous School Receipts,			3 12 1
Fines and Sundries,			25 11 1
			£27,022 18 1
Sums paid chargeable against Income of the Year—			
Expenses of Schools,	£16,777 11 0½		
Expenses of the Board,	2,857 4 10½		
Election Expenses,	1,318 11 5		
General Expenses,	280 15 1		
Instalments on Loans,	5,709 7 6		
Interest on Bank Account,	143 17 10		
High School Examination Expenses,	29 8 0		
			27,116 15 9
Excess of Payments chargeable against Income over Income of the Year,			£93 17 8

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Brought forward, . .		£93 17 8
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPT—		
Repayment from the High School Building Fund of Advance in connection with new Writing Class Room, . .	£1735 0 0	
Less—Sum paid during the Year for new Writing Class Room, . . .	35 11 2	
		1,699 8 10
Surplus for the Year after taking Credit for Extraordinary Receipt, . . .		£1,605 11 2

II. Building Fund.

Balance due by Commercial Bank at 15th May 1878, .	£5,932 3 6
Amount of New Loan from Public Works Commissioners, .	6,735 0 0
Building Grants from Scotch Education Department, . .	4,065 0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...	45 7 0
	£16,777 10 6
APPLIED THUS—	
In purchase of Sites and Expenses connected therewith, . . . £7,637 1 6	
In erection of School Buildings, . . 11,036 10 11	
	18,673 12 5
Difference, being Excess of Expenditure over amount available to meet Expenditure equal to Balance due to Commercial Bank at 15th May 1879	£1,896 1 11

III. High School Account.

INCOME OF THE YEAR—		
Amount of Endowment Fund receive during the Year,		£827 12 5
School Fees, ...		5,174 18 6
Receipts from School Fund, . .		49 8 0
		£6,051 18 11
Amount of School Expenditure during Year,	£8,070 6 5	
Deduct—Cost of erection of Writing Class Room applicable to Capital and met by Building Loan, . . .	1,735 0 0	
		6,335 6 5
Excess of Expenditure chargeable against Income over Income of the Year, . . .		£283 7 6
The Balance due by Royal Bank on Current Account at 15th M y 1878 was . .	£504 0 8	
Do. at 15th May 1879 was	220 13 2	
Difference equal to Excess of Expenditure as above, .		283 7 6

MACANDREW & BLAIR.

EDINBURGH, 10*th July* 1879.

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 1879.

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At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 10th day of November* 1879, *at* 3.20 *o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. Mr. WILLIAMSON.	PROFESSOR DUFF.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. DR. SMITH.	BAILIE TAWSE.
Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.

DR HARVEY.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Minute of the Special Meeting of the Board, held on 31st October, was read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Friday, the 31st day of October* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.	Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.
Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.	Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.
Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	Rev. Mr. KAY.

C. J. GUTHRIE, Esq.

The Clerk submitted the deed charging the School Fund and the School Rates with the repayment to the Secretary of the Public Works Loan Commissioners of the sum of £10,000, as well as further advances not exceeding in all the sum of £20,106, together with interest thereon, principal and interest to be paid in sixty equal half-yearly instalments, at the rate of £2, 15s. 10d. per centum, which deed was duly signed, sealed, and attested in presence of the Board, and ordered to be transmitted to the Solicitors to the Commissioners.

The Clerk submitted a form of Certificate by the Board authorising

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the Treasurer to receive the said sum of £10,000, less charges of the Solicitors for the Commissioners, which certificate was also signed, sealed, and attested in presence of the Board, and ordered to be transmitted to the Solicitor to the Commissioners.

ACHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Board, held in North Canongate School, on Saturday, 1st November, to meet Defaulting Parents, was held as read and approved.

The Chairman reported that the Members of the Board, in private, had interview with the Leets of Candidates recommended by the School Management Committee for the various vacancies, and that they agreed to recommend as follows, viz.:—For four of the six vacancies in the Juvenile Departments of Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Leith Walk, New Street, North Canongate, and St. Leonard's Schools:—William Bell, George C. Pringle, James Shearer, and James Clark; and for the remaining two vacancies that the following Leet of six Candidates be remitted to the School Management Committee, with power to appoint, Thomas Brownlie, James G. Crearer, Alexander M. Faichney, William T. Kinnear, Robert F. Savage, and Robert Williamson. For the Assistantship of the Infant Department of Causewayside School, the Committee recommended Marion Calderwood; and for the Sewing Mistress in St. Leonard's School, Jessie Kello.

The Board approved of the recommendation of the Committee, and made the appointments accordingly, on the usual conditions offered by the Board. Bailie Tawse dissented from the appointment of William Bell, George C. Pringle, James Shearer, James Clark, and Marion Calderwood, as being students in training at a Normal School, not yet having received their certificates. Miss Blyth and Miss Stevenson dissented from the appointment of Jessie Kello, on the ground that from the Minutes of the Board of dates 14th and 15th July and 13th October, as they understood them, the engagement of Miss Kello by the Board was to cease on the opening of the new School of St. Leonard's.

Dr. Scott read the Report of the Committee on School Management:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee had under consideration H. M. Inspectors' Reports, Reports by the Examiners in Religious Instruction, and the Reports by Head-masters, upon the Schools during last Session. The Committee instructed the visitors of the School to call the attention of Mr. Duncan, the Head-master, to the unsatisfactory nature of the Report by the Examiner in Religious Instruction on Dean School. (For Reports of H. M. Inspectors and of Head Masters, see Appendix No. VII.).

The Committee had before them statements prepared by the Treasurer of the Surplus Fund Accounts of each of the Schools, showing the

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following results; and authorised the allocation of the sums found at the credit of the Schools amongst the Staffs, in the amounts aftermentioned :—

1. Bristo School—Surplus at credit, ...					£50	11	0
To be allocated thus :—							
Mr. Philip, . . .	£15	9	6				
Mrs. Murray, . . .	7	14	9				
Miss Munro, . . .	7	14	9				
Miss Ronaldson, . .	3	12	3				
Miss Anderson, . .	3	1	11				
Mr. Crocket, . . .	4	2	6				
Mr. M'Lauchlan, . .	1	10	11				
Mr. Edwards, . . .	2	1	3				
Mr. Sharpe, . . .	2	1	3				
Miss Donaldson, . .	3	1	11				
					50	11	0
2. Causewayside School—Debit balance, . . .					£112	4	11
3. Dean School—Surplus at credit, ...					£45	4	2
To be allocated thus :—							
Mr. Duncan, . . .	£22	1	0				
Miss Chalmers, . .	11	0	6				
Miss Alexander, . .	6	12	4				
Mr. Grant, . . .	2	4	2				
Mrs. Grant, . . .	3	6	2				
					45	4	2
4. Deanhaugh Street School—Surplus at credit, .					£22	18	0
To be allocated thus :—							
Mr. Gloag, . . .	£13	18	1				
Miss Mackenzie, . .	6	19	1				
Mr. Fraser, . . .	0	18	7				
Mrs. Grant, . . .	1	2	3				
					22	18	0
5. Dalry School—Surplus at credit, ...					£243	6	4
To be allocated thus :—							
Mr. Martin, . . .	£83	2	3				
Miss Morison, . .	35	4	2				
Mr. Aitken, . . .	41	11	2				
Mr. Loudon, . . .	11	1	7				
Miss Neil, . . .	5	5	1				
Miss Croal, . . .	19	8	1				
Miss Gilray, . . .	20	0	0				
Miss Hopper, . . .	11	1	7				
Miss Brunton, . .	16	12	5				
					243	6	4
6. Leith Walk School—Surplus at credit, . . .					£285	17	7
To be allocated thus :—							
Mr. Alexander, . .	£88	13	10				
Carry forward,	£88	13	10		£285	17	7

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	Brought forward,			£88	13	10	£285	17	7
	Miss Macmillan,	.	.	44	6	11			
	Mr. Yule,	.	.	44	6	11			
	Miss Mauchline,	.	.	20	13	11			
	Miss Foulds,	.	.	22	3	6			
	Miss Gray,	.	.	17	14	9			
	Miss Bonnar,	.	.	5	12	4			
	Mr. Hall,	.	.	11	16	6			
	Miss M'Neill,	.	.	17	14	9			
	Miss Laing,	.	.	4	8	8			
	Mr. Muncaster,	.	.	4	14	7			
	Miss Johnston,	.	.	3	10	11			
							285	17	7
7.	West Fountainbridge School—Surplus at credit,						£190	6	8
	To be allocated thus;—								
	Dr. Robertson,	.	.	£53	0	4			
	Miss Vallance,	.	.	26	10	2			
	Mr. Peattie,	.	.	26	10	2			
	Miss Cuthbertson,	.	.	14	2	10			
	Mr. Duke,	.	.	14	2	10			
	Mr. Paterson,	.	.	5	13	1			
	Miss Mitchell,	.	.	12	7	5			
	Miss Gray,	.	.	1	15	4			
	Miss Lambert,	.	.	13	5	1			
	Miss Sharp,	.	.	5	6	0			
	Mr. Grant,	.	.	7	1	5			
	Miss Dewar,	.	.	10	12	0			
							190	6	8
8.	North Canongate School—Debit Balance,						£223	15	10
9.	St. Leonard's School—Surplus at credit,						£39	8	10
	To be allocated thus:—								
	Mr. Andrew,	.	.	£14	6	0			
	Miss Cameron,	.	.	7	3	0			
	Mr. M'Caull,	.	.	4	15	4			
	Miss Gilchrist,	.	.	3	6	9			
	Miss Thallon,	.	.	3	4	4			
	Miss Prentice,	.	.	2	17	2			
	Mr. Fraser,	.	.	0	19	1			
	Miss Kello,	.	.	2	17	2			
							39	8	10
10.	Stockbridge School—Surplus at credit,						£89	7	6
	To be allocated thus:—								
	Mr. Swanston,	.	.	£14	11	5			
	Mr. Bauchope,	.	.	14	11	5			
	Miss Braid,	.	.	14	11	5			
	Mr. Bell,	.	.	7	5	8			
	Mr. Shennan,	.	.	6	19	11			
	Carry forward,			£57	19	10	£89	7	6

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	Brought forward,		£57	19	10	£89	7	6
	Miss Ligertwood,		3	17	8			
	Miss M'Ivor,		3	8	0			
	Miss Wood,		3	15	9			
	Miss Ritchie,		3	6	1			
	Miss Ainge,		7	5	8			
	Mr. Fraser,		3	17	9			
	Miss Campbell,		5	16	9			
						89	7	6
11.	West Port School—Surplus at credit,					£72	6	11
	To be allocated thus:—							
	Mr. Robertson,		£45	4	4			
	Miss Robertson,		24	2	3			
	Mr. Fraser,		3	0	4			
						72	6	11
12.	Roseburn School—Debit balance,					£30	18	7
13.	New Street School—Debit balance,					£10	6	4
14.	Holyrood School—Debit balance,					£108	7	11

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to fix the salary of Miss Cameron, appointed to be Mistress of the Infant Department of the new School of St. Leonard's, at £150 per annum, and to appoint Mr. Fraser, presently engaged as teacher of Singing in St. Leonard's School, to be the teacher of singing in the new School, one hour a day, and to be paid a salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

The Clerk reported to the Committee that Mr. Muncaster, one of the Assistant Teachers in Leith Walk School, had given in his resignation. The Committee agreed to accept Mr. Muncaster's resignation. The Committee further agreed to recommend the Board to appoint male Certificated Teachers to Dean, North Canongate, and Leith Walk Schools, and to make these appointments from the candidates who have made application for the assistantships in Deanhaugh Street, New Street, and St. Leonard's Schools, as advertised.

The Committee recommend to the Board the following leets for the vacant situations:—

I. For male Certificated Assistantships, at a salary of £80 per annum, for Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Leith Walk, New Street, North Canongate, and St. Leonard's Schools:—Messrs. Wm. Bell, Thomas Brownlie, Alex. M. Faichney, John Peattie, George C. Pringle, James Shearer, Robert Williamson, and James Clark.

II. For Assistantship, Infant Department, Causewayside School:—Margaret Booth, Marion Calderwood, and Agnes Galloway.

III. For Sewing Mistress in new school of St. Leonard's:—Grace G. Easson, Jessie Kello, and Alexandrina Roger.

The Committee recommend the Board to appoint a Janitor for the new school of St. Leonard's from the applications for Janitorships already in the hands of the Clerk.

The Committee had under consideration the remit of the Board regarding the revision of the Instructions to Assistant Teachers and Pupil-teachers. The Committee, by a majority, agreed to issue the Instructions as they stand,—Mr. Adamson and Mr. Kay dissenting.

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The Committee, on an application by Mr. Bauchope, Head-master, Stockbridge School, agreed to sanction the opening of a Penny Savings Bank in the School, on the understanding that the same conditions be observed as in the case of a similar bank conducted in New Street School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and it was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint a Janitor for St. Leonard's School.

In connection with the Instructions to Assistant Teachers and Pupil-Teachers, Mr. Kay gave notice that he would move at next meeting that instead of the last paragraph of the Instructions, the Board should issue the following, viz. :—"In view of the prevalence of intemperance, and of the fact that the difficulty of working the compulsory clause of the Education Act arises largely from this source, special service will be rendered by embracing every seasonable opportunity for impressing upon the children the evils of this debasing vice, and the dangers connected with the use, on the part of the young, of intoxicating drink. The Board will expect that the Masters shall, from time to time, report to them the means employed in carrying out the above instructions."

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee recommend that Sewing in Abbeyhill School be taught for two hours a day instead of one as at present, and that the part of the hall adjoining the small room be partitioned off for the Sewing Class.

Professor Duff and Dr. Harvey examined in July 1879 the pupils from West Fountainbridge and Causewayside Schools presented for Examination in Latin and Mathematics, in terms of the Board's Regulations for teaching these Subjects. In Mathematics, three from West Fountainbridge and six from Causewayside passed. In Classics, one from West Fountainbridge and four from Causewayside passed. The Committee recommend that the payments earned by these pupils, when the surplus for the current year falls to be allocated among the Staffs, be made to the Head-masters of the Schools.

The Committee recommend that the Salary of James Loudon, Dalry School, be increased to £80, in terms of the Resolution of the Board on Salaries passed in July last; and that the Salaries of Margaret Laing, Leith Walk, Agnes B. Drummond, New Street, and Harriet C. Sharp, West Fountainbridge School, be increased to £60. The increase to date from 1st September 1879. The Committee ask the Board to remit to them and the Finance Committee jointly, to revise the Salaries of the Assistants in all the Schools.

The following Pupil-teachers have been appointed, viz. :—to *Dalry School*, Grace Livingstone and Jessie Grieve; to *North Canongate School*, Margaret Campbell, transferred from West Fountainbridge School; to *Victoria Terrace School*, Helen M. Munro; and to *Fountainbridge School*, Cecilia Patterson.

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The Committee agreed to recommend the Board not to take any steps towards acquiring additional accommodation in connection with Abbeyhill School.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Committee on Building was read:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee had before them plans of Abbeyhill School, but are not in a position to report to the Board. The Committee agreed to request the Board to remit to the School Management Committee, with powers to receive the Report of the Building Committee on the plans, and to accept estimates for the work.

The Committee had before them a Report by Mr. Wilson, architect, on minor repairs on several of the Schools, and authorised their execution. Mr. Wilson was also authorised to accept estimate, £9, 5s., by Mr. W. S. Brown, for a teacher's desk for Abbeyhill School.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to accept estimates for dual desks for St. Leonard's School, to accommodate 320 children. The desks to be made after the pattern of the new desks recently supplied to the High School. Mr. Wilson was further instructed to take estimates for seating the School to the extent of its accommodation.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Burgh Engineer in regard to a smoke nuisance at Leith Walk School.

Mr. Wilson was instructed to accept the estimate of Mr. W. Forsyth, £68 (being the lowest), for the Painter Work of St. Leonard's School.

The Committee instructed Mr. Wilson to accept the estimate of Messrs. Stuart and Co. for laying granite concrete pavement at St. Leonard's School, 5s. per yard, on the understanding that he obtain the consent of the Burgh Engineer to form the pavement of granite concrete instead of stone flagging; and the estimate of Alexander Angus for laying the curb of whinstone, £31.

Mr. Wilson was authorised to accept the estimate, £114, 4s. 6d., of Mr. James Forrest for Manchester School Grates for Lothian Road School.

A. CRUM BROWN, *Convener.*

The Report was approved—Bailie Tawse dissenting from the Resolution to supply Desks in St. Leonard's School to accommodate 320 children.

Miss Stevenson read the Report on School Attendance as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to employ, as during last Session, the assistants to the Compulsory Officer (two in rotation) in looking after children selling papers, etc., in the streets in the evenings.

The Committee agreed in future to have an interview with the

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parents of such children under 13 as may be proposed for admission to an Evening Class before the children themselves are examined, and that the tickets admitting the children to examination be given by the Committee.

The Committee have made arrangements for having cookery classes during the Session held in the following Schools:—Stockbridge, Leith Walk, Dean, Bristo, and North Canongate.

The Committee recommend the Board to appoint an assistant to the Compulsory Officer for the district formerly assigned to William Bone, laid aside through illness.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved. It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an assistant to the Compulsory Officer, in room of William Bone.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee had under consideration a Report by Mr. Hall, the Superintendent of the Evening Classes, on the enrolment of pupils at the advanced Classes in North Canongate School. It appears that in the class for English and Composition only eleven pupils have been enrolled, and in the Latin class ten. In the Writing and Book-keeping class for young women no enrolment took place.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board to close these classes, and to instruct the Clerk to make arrangements with Mr. Hall, the Superintendent, for the Return of the Fees received, and for taking over from the pupils their class-books.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Committees on Finance and Law, as follows:—

REPORT OF JOINT-COMMITTEES ON FINANCE AND LAW.

The Joint-Committees authorised the Treasurer to allocate amongst the Rector and Masters of the High School, in terms of the Report of the Committee on High School Financial and other arrangements, dated 5th June 1873, and in terms of the arrangements made on the appointment of additional Teachers at the beginning of Session 1876-77, the sum of £353, 1s. 11d., being the balance of the surplus shown by the account of the Fee Fund between the Board and the Rector and Masters of the High School for the Session 1878-79.

The Treasurer having reported that the following sums had been expended on the High School under clause 18 of the Education Act of 1878, viz:—

Repairs to Buildings, ...	£136 15 7
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	64 15 5
Furniture, including teaching apparatus, . .	14 9 7
	£216 0 7

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the Committee instructed him to transfer a like amount from the School Fund into the High School Fund.

The Committee further instructed the Treasurer to transfer from the School Fund to High School Fund account the following sums, viz. :—

For High School Examination Expenses, Session 1878-79, ...	£29	8	0
For the balance due by the Rector and Masters on account of repairs, etc., to the School, incurred in 1873-74, as per minutes of the Board dated 14th and 15th July 1879, ...	102	16	0
Together, . .	£132	4	0

With these amounts £216, 0s. 7d., and £132, 4s., added to the Income of the Endowment Fund, a balance of £178, 13s. 4d. in favour of that Fund appears. The Committee authorised the Treasurer to distribute £100 of this balance among the Rector and Masters along with the £353, 1s. 11d. balance of surplus on the Fee Fund, as above. A statement of Account between the Board and the Rector and Masters for session 1878-79 is submitted herewith. (See Appendix No. VIII.).

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the balance due to Mr. Beattie, Architect, on his professional account for North Canongate School.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the feu-duty due at Whitsunday last on the site of Lothian Road School.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report upon applications by parents for children under 13 years of age, to be passed for admission to Evening Classes :—There appeared for Examination 74 children, of whom the Committee passed 48; allowed to attend a class, although not passed 13; refused 7; allowed to attend a day school for half time 2; allowed to be taught at home 1; and delayed 3. With those reported to last meeting of the Board, 104 have, this Session, been passed for admission to the classes, and 15, though not passed, have been allowed to attend.

The Chairman read the following Report by Mr. Wilson on the Schools in course of erection :—

REPORT ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

ST. LEONARD'S SCHOOL.

The internal wood-work is far advanced towards completion, and the laying of the play-grounds with concrete pavement is completed.

LOTHIAN ROAD SCHOOL.

The greater part of the building is built up to the level of the wall head, and a portion of it is being roofed.

CANONMILLS SCHOOL.

The upper floor joists have nearly all been laid, and some of the walls have been built to about three feet above the window sills of upper floor. The mason work is now being pushed on more expeditiously.

ROBT. WILSON, *Architect.*

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The following Reports by the Compulsory Officer were laid upon the Table, viz. :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending November 1, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending November 1,		5792
Of the above number there are :—		
Dead,	19	
Above age,	122	
Incurable,	4	
Left the City,	186	
Removed to other parts of the City,	178	
Gone to School,	3852	
Absent through Temporary Causes,	1431	
		5792
Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—		
Refractory,	11	
Sick,	573	
Wanting Clothing,	56	
Unable to pay Fees,	21	
Considered too young,	177	
Absent from want of Accommodation,	139	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, (Fault of Parents, 421; Fault of Children, 33)	454	
		1431

N.B.—Of the 1431 Absent, 773 are returned over seven years of age, and 685 under seven.

Of the 573 returned Sick, 43 are Fever cases, 9 Hooping-Cough, and 12 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, 6*th November* 1879.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 1st November 1879.

To be—	
Prosecuted.—9 Parents with 13 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 7—not sent to School 5—Sent to Industrial School 1. Total,	13
To be—	
Prosecuted Conditionally.—10 Parents with 16 children; of whom there are now regular at School 15—not sent 1. Total,	16
Carry forward,	29

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	Brought forward,	29
To be—		
Delayed.—23 Parents with 35 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 24—not sent 8—Taught at Home 1—Sent to Industrial School 1—sick 1. Total, . .		35
TOTAL, . . .		64

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th Nov. 1879.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Seven Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 29th September and 5th November 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	66	
„ irregular, ...	2	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	6	
„ sick, ...	5	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, . . .	2	
	—	81
Girls regular, ...	42	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	1	
„ gone to Day-school, . . .	3	
	—	46
Total, . .		127

Seven Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	10	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	...	
	—	11
Girls regular, ...	12	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	...	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, . . .	1	
	—	14
Total, .		25

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th November 1879.

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The Reports were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The returns of School Attendance, of which the following is an Abstract, were laid on the table:—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 16 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 8 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Schools for Four Weeks ending 31st October 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 31st Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
16 Board Schools, . .	7415	4030	11,445	6924	3723	10,647	6081	3152	9233	87·82	84·66	86·71
9 Roman Catholic Schools,		Not complete.										
8 Non-Board Schools, .	885	827	1,712	796	761	1,557	669	435	1104	84·04	57·16	70·9
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4,907	..	..	4550	..	..	92·72
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOL.												
Boys, ...	..	..	479	..	..	348	..	..	259	..	..	74·42
Girls, ...	..	..	109	..	..	74	..	..	64	..	..	86·48
Heriot's, ...	..	..	1075	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

Read letter dated October 20, 1879, from Miss Louisa Stevenson, Honorary Secretary of the Edinburgh Association for the Education of Women, enclosing the following resolution:—"That the Association apply to the Edinburgh School Board, to obtain three months' practice in teaching for one hour a day, for those young ladies who are attending Professor Laurie's Education Class, with a view to become teachers."

The letter was remitted to the School Work Committee to consider and report.

Letters accepting appointments to the new School of St. Leonard's, from Miss Christina Cameron, Mr. Gilbert M'Caull, Miss Jane Prentice and Miss Jane Thallon, were laid on the table.

Miss Stevenson read the Report upon the Cookery Classes for last Session, as follows:—

REPORT UPON COOKERY CLASSES.

Classes were conducted in Causewayside, West Fountainbridge, Dalry, and New Street Schools. At the close of the Session the Edinburgh School of Cookery, under whose management these Classes were conducted,

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held an examination, at which there were present from Causewayside, 33 girls out of 60 who attended the class; from West Fountainbridge, 21 girls out of 47 who attended the class; from Dalry, 20 girls out of 70 who attended the class; and from New Street, 40 girls out of 60 who attended the class.

The cost of these classes is as follows, viz.:—for Causewayside, £9, 9s. 3d.; West Fountainbridge, £9, 15s.; Dalry, £11, 18s. 3d.; and New Street, £9, 17s. 10d.

Read letter from Miss Guthrie Wright, dated 7th November 1879, making suggestions in regard to the teaching of Cookery Classes in the Board Schools. The Letter was remitted to the School Management Committee to consider and report.

It was agreed to send a copy of the Reports upon Religious Instruction, and of the Reports of the School Work Committee upon the various Schools, to the Head Master of each School.

PRIVATE.

The School Management Committee received and authorised to be transmitted to the Board in private, the Report of a Special Committee appointed by them to inquire into the condition of Leith Walk School. The Report is as follows:—

The Committee recommend that Mr. Alexander, the Head Master of Leith Walk School, be warned that the Board are dissatisfied with the organisation and discipline of the School; and that they will look for better results at the end of the year.

Referring to an application from Mr. C. J. Henderson for the use of a School to test his mode of heating and ventilating buildings, and to a Minute of the School Management Committee reported to the Board October 13th, 1879, on this matter, it was agreed to intimate to Mr. Henderson that the Board do not see their way to give the use of their Schools for the purpose.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 31st October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 31st October 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Accommodation of School at 8 square feet per Child.	Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.		Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Abbeyhill, ...	413	244	657	360	216	576	320	187	507	450	88·8	86·5	88·02
Bristo, ...	718	376	1094	651	330	981	579	291	870	862	88·9	88·1	88·68
Causewayside, . . .	574	309	883	547	292	839	486	250	736	637	88·8	85·6	87·72
Dalry, ...	748	402	1150	705	392	1097	620	334	954	848	87·9	85·2	36·96
Dean, ...	255	156	411	238	140	378	200	122	322	419	84·	87·1	85·18
Deanhaugh Street, . .	228	144	372	214	132	346	183	110	293	322	85·5	83·3	84·39
Fountainbridge, . . .	270	165	435	265	163	428	216	133	349	233	81·5	81·5	81·54
Leith Walk, . . .	807	407	1214	754	378	1132	648	313	961	1015	85·9	82·8	84·89
New Street, . . .	610	286	896	582	256	838	491	216	707	782	84·3	84·3	83·17
North Canongate, . .	667	219	886	610	194	804	513	162	675	1053	84·	83·5	83·95
Roseburn, ...	44	65	109	45	59	104	41	54	95	144	91·1	91·5	91·34
St. Leonard's, . . .	624	352	976	579	329	908	518	255	773	612	89·4	77·5	85·13
Stockbridge, . . .	511	275	786	499	263	762	480	233	713	623	96·1	88·5	93·56
Victoria Terrace, . .	...	91	91	...	75	75	...	67	67	160	...	89·33	89·33
West Fountainbridge, . .	749	369	1118	714	363	1077	648	308	956	931	90·7	84·8	88·76
West Port, ...	197	170	367	161	141	302	138	117	255	294	85·7	82·9	84·43
Total,	7415	4030	11445	6924	3723	10647	6081	3152	9233	9492	87·82	84·66	86·71
Corresponding period last session, . . .	6389	3573	10276	5733	3611	9344	5037	3054	8091		87·85	84·57	86·59

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APPENDIX No. II.

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending* 31*st Oct.* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 31st Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	161	201	362	148	161	309	133	136	269	89·8	84·4	87·05
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .	303	...	303	250	...	250	190	...	190	76·	...	76·
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	262	...	262	190	...	190	160	...	160	84·21	...	84·21
,, ,, (Infants),	...	340	340	...	292	292	...	201	201	...	68·83	68·83
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	288	...	288	240	...	240	164	...	164	68·33	...	68·33
,, ,, (Infants),	...	150	150	...	220	220	...	170	170	...	77·27	77·27
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .	No	Return.										
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys),	171	...	171	168	...	168	132	...	132	78·57	...	78·57
,, ,, (Girls),	184	...	184	173	...	173	126	...	126	72·83	...	72·83
,, ,, (Infants),	...	170	170	...	131	131	...	118	118	...	90·	90·
Total,												
Corresponding period of last session	1532	1233	2765	1209	737	1946	1009	598	1607	83·45	81·13	82·57

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Eight* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending* 31*st October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 31st Oct. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	138	172	310	130	152	282	115	125	240	88·4	82·2	85·1
Canongate Christian Society, . .	124	...	124	110	...	110	98	...	98	89·	...	89·
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	172	155	327	170	125	295	133	83	216	78·2	66·4	73·22
Greenside (Girls), ...	91	...	91	78	...	78	65	...	65	83 3	...	83·3
Pleasance Territorial, . . .	...	182	182	...	172	172	...	123	123	...	71·51	71·51
Trinity Episcopal, ...	165	318	483	127	312	439	83	104	187	65·3	33 3	42·59
St. John's Episcopal (Boys), . .	149	...	149	136	...	136	130	...	130	95·58	...	95·58
Royal Blind Asylum, . . .	46	...	46	45	...	45	45	...	45	100·	...	100·
Total,	885	827	1712	796	761	1557	669	435	1104	84·04	57·16	70·9
Corresponding period last session, (Nine Schools.)	1342	826	2168	1255	754	2009	1052	553	1605	83 82	73·34	79·89

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APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th October* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	311	289	...	7	5	..
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	326	308	...	1	5	...
3. High School Yards, .	330	330	293	...	4	8	2
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	318	293	...	9	8	2
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	312	282	...	4	7	...
6. Brown Square, . .	240	241	218	...	6	8	7
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	325	302	...	2	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	250	235	...	4	5	6
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	321	287	...	6	9	1
10. Davie Street, . .	320	313	291	...	2	4	...
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	280	273	...	6	4	21
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	330	319	...	5	4	22
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	185	170	...	3	7	4
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	172	160	...	...	5	20
15. Broughton, . . .	160	163	153	...	1	5	...
16. Victoria Street, . .	180	185	173	...	1	5	43
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	171	155	...	...	8	29
18. Davie Street, . .	180	181	172	...	2	5	47
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	193	177	...	1	8	..
	4939	4907	4550	...	64	6	204

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APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Five Weeks ending 30th October* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in September last.	Average No. on Roll for Five Weeks ending 30th October 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's, ...	85	62	48	77·41
2. New Street, ...	44	29	24	82·75
Do. (Pupils under 13), ...	51	37	31	83·78
3. Leith Walk, ...	86	65	42	64·61
4. Stockbridge, ...	69	43	28	65·11
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	69	49	35	71·42
6. Dalry, ...	75	63	51	80·95
	479	348	259	74·42
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	80	56	50	89·28
2. Stockbridge, ...	29	18	14	77·7
	109	74	64	86 48
TOTAL (Male and Female), . .	588	422	323	76·54

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APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL EVENING CLASSES *on 20th October* 1879.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.
SPECIAL CLASSES.	
FOR MALES.	
Brown Square—	
1. Arithmetic,	90
2. Mathematics,	21
3. History and Geography,	23
Broughton Street—	
4. Writing and Book-keeping,	62
5. Shorthand,	52
Rose Street—	
6. English Grammar and Composition,	41
7. French,	60
8. German,	16
Old Assembly Close—	
9. Architectural Drawing,	51
10. Freehand Drawing,	66
FOR FEMALES.	
Broughton Street—	
11. Writing and Book-keeping,	46
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.	
FOR MALES.	
12. High School Yards,	165
13. Heriot Bridge,	150
14. Rose Street,	135
FOR FEMALES.	
15. Cowgate Port,	97
	1075

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APPENDIX No. VII.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

ON THE

BOARD SCHOOLS for SESSION 1878-79.

I.—*REPORTS of H. M. Inspectors on the Edinburgh Board Schools.*

I.—Bristo School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—There is perhaps a slight tendency to display in the management of this School; but the discipline secured is quite satisfactory. The instruction deserves, as a whole, great praise. The First and Second Standards, in particular, did their teachers much credit. The higher classes, although here and there unaccountably weak in arithmetic, grammar, and the formation of sentences, did much of their work, and especially history and geography, with intelligence and accuracy. It is right to add that the staff is strong, and that many pupils in the first, second, and third Standards are above ten years of age. Singing and sewing are carefully taught.

Infants' School.—This Department is under kind and capable management. The children behaved very well, and took a lively interest in most of the gallery movements and lessons. The Standard passed well, and the individual attainments of the Infants were generally as good as could fairly be expected.

II.—Causewayside School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—An extremely good tone pervaded this School, and the class movements were very orderly. As regards the work of the three lower Standards, some weakness appeared in the spelling and intelligence of the third Standard, but everything else was most satisfactory. Of the upper Standards, the fourth might have done rather better in arithmetic, and the fifth in composition, while both the Fifth and Sixth Standards answered unequally in history and geography. On the other hand, for grammar, general intelligence, and acquaintance with their specific subjects, all three Standards deserve praise. In judging of the School, it must, of course, be remembered that the staff is strong. Needlework and music are both carefully taught.

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Infants' School.—Discipline and instruction in this Department both deserve the highest praise. It is evident that the Mistress and her Staff exercise a most beneficial influence alike in quickening the intelligence and in regulating the behaviour of their young pupils.

III.—Dalry School.—(Mr. Dunn.)

Mixed School.—Unity of action, and a uniform standard of proficiency, have been very successfully imparted to this large and recently established School; and the organisation, discipline, and general tone merit very high praise. The Standard work was as a rule exceedingly well done; but the reading throughout was defective in distinctness, expression, and not unfrequently in pronunciation. The penmanship was very neat, though in minor respects capable of improvement. The children read with thorough comprehension in all the Standards except the fourth, in which the knowledge of words was defective; in spite of this, however, their history and geography were well and widely known. The grammar of the Third Standard showed a slight weakness. Of the Fifth and Sixth Standards nothing but praise need be said. Their mental animation was most gratifying, and their history and geography, both for minuteness and extent of information, were far above the average. The arithmetic also of the Sixth Standard deserves special notice for extreme neatness and accuracy. The specific subjects showed to great advantage.

Infants' School.—From the special circumstances of the School, the instruction of the Infant Department has been attended with much difficulty, and allowance must therefore be made for some deficiencies in the First Standard. The Infants proper are most winningly, skilfully, and successfully instructed, and they made a most pleasing and creditable appearance.

IV.—Dean School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—The organisation and discipline of this School are thoroughly satisfactory. The Second Standard did not read well, and the Third Standard was very weak in arithmetic; but the others made a creditable appearance. Grammar was very correctly done in the Third and Fourth Standards; and in all the higher Standards the children read with thorough comprehension; while the intelligence with which, as a rule, they answered questions in history and geography deserves all praise. The specific subjects were generally satisfactory; but the papers in domestic economy strongly suggested preparation by rote. The desks can seat little more than one-third of the children in average attendance over seven, and one of the class-rooms continues to be largely used as a sewing-room.

Infants' School.—The Infant Department is in many respects a model one. The orderliness and precision of the work reflect great credit on the teacher. The children showed a most commendable proficiency in all the subjects proper to an Infant Department, except writing, which

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was not so neat as it might have been either among the Infants or in the First Standard.

H. M. Inspector reports that the desk accommodation in the Senior Department is still unsatisfactory. Unless steps are at once taken to remedy this defect, next year the grant will suffer a reduction (Article 32 *b*.)

V.—Deanhaugh Street School.—(Mr. Blaikie.)

Mixed School.—The order is generally good. The discipline is kindly, and the tone pleasant; but the efficiency of the School would be much increased if uniform quietness, especially during class-movements, were enforced. The general state of the instruction is only pretty fair, the weakest points being the reading and arithmetic of the First Standard, the spelling and writing of the second, and the arithmetic of the third. In the higher Standards history and geography are pretty well known, and many of the arithmetic papers are very good indeed; but it is clear that far more attention should be given to the lower Standards, in order that a good foundation may be laid for subsequent instruction.

Infant's School.—The order is very good, and the general tone pleasant. The children are taught with care, and with very fair success.

VI.—Holyrood School.—(Mr. Blaikie.)

This School is conducted with industry and care, the discipline is kindly and effective, and the general state of the instruction is fair. In the Second Standard the Arithmetic is exceedingly good, but the Spelling is defective. In the First Standard some of the children are too dependent on mechanical methods of working sums in subtraction.

VII.—Leith Walk School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—The order of this School varied considerably. Even the best classes hardly reached the highest level; and in the others, which include the greater part of the Second and Third Standards, the children were not only noisy, but sometimes deceitful. The instruction seemed by its inequalities to suggest want of unity in the management. Spelling in the Second Standard and Arithmetic in the Fourth Standard were extremely weak. Reading also in the former Standard was unsatisfactory; nor could the children follow the sense of the narrative. The rest of the ordinary work was fairly successful, but seldom rose to any conspicuous merit, and there was a general want of that neat uniformity in the written exercises which is quite attainable in a well conducted School. The Specific Subjects were of various merits. Domestic Economy and Physical Geography, as is usual, suggested preparation by rote; and the repetition of the poetry, while often verbally correct, was rarely intelligent or expres-

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sive. Singing and sewing are well taught. There are considerable defects in the drainage of the playground and offices. The desks, though numerous to look at, could not seat the Third and Fourth Standards together, whose united numbers were only 247, while the average attendance is 649. Would it be any hardship to replace some of the forms by convertible desks, which might be used under the heavy pressure of a simultaneous written examination?

Infants' School.—The Infant Department is in a very satisfactory state. The children were extremely orderly; and in all the various parts of their instruction the progress made deserves warm commendation.

My Lords will look for a better Report next year upon the discipline of the Department under Mr. Alexander.

VIII.—New Street School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—This large School was examined at a disadvantage, on the following grounds: (1.) The best of the older pupils had been transferred to a new school; (2.) The bulk of those remaining are of a neglected class; (3.) There have been several changes in the staff recently; (4.) The building has, properly speaking, no class-rooms. Yet the general state of the instruction does the teachers credit. The only real weak points were arithmetic in the Fourth and Fifth Standards, and arithmetic and spelling in the lowest section of class 9 in the Second Standard. The Lower Standards passed well in grammar and comprehension, and the Upper showed an unusual amount of intelligent information in history and geography. Thorough instruction is given in singing, sewing, and drill. The spirit of the Code requires that the pupils drafted off should have been sent back for examination.

Infants' School.—In both sections of this department the discipline might be more firm and sustained. The Standard did very well in writing, and very fairly in arithmetic. But in reading no clear test was possible, as the children were often repeating from memory. With such large classes, more books, or bigger ones, should be used. The Infants read and wrote very fairly, but their knowledge of counting was not great, and only a few answered individual questions in it. When in the gallery, they soon got restless, and it was difficult to alter the every-day routine of their lessons.

IX.—North Canongate School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—This is a very large and handsome building. By a sort of forcing process applied to all their neighbouring schools the Board have succeeded in half filling it. The pupils are of such various types and antecedents, and the school has been so short a time in operation, that any criticism of the instruction would be premature. The staff is very strong and of proved capacity, and the appliances are quite sufficient in the meantime.

Infants' School.—This Department is like the Mixed School, only in

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process of formation. It has a very pleasing tone, and is conducted with great spirit. The acquirements of the children are quite satisfactory.

X.—Roseburn School.—(Mr. Dunn.)

The organisation and discipline are excellent, and the instruction very well adapted to the capacities and requirements of the children.

XI.—St. Leonard's School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—These premises are unchanged. Even new desks, although they would have been permanently serviceable, have not been supplied; and the old ones are so battered with use as to make neat writing very difficult. The solitary chair has no back, and the tables shake when touched. It would appear that the state of the ventilation and accommodation has affected the health of the staff; and it is worthy of note that children who joined the school when the first Board was chosen, have now, after the election of a third, passed their whole school life amid these miserable surroundings. If the order and class movements fell slightly short of securing the highest grant, the Managers must take the responsibility to themselves. The instruction was rather defective in general intelligence, and in the geography and history of the two highest Standards, but otherwise its condition may be stated in a sentence: it would be highly satisfactory anywhere; here, it is beyond all praise.

Infants' School.—The Infants' Department, like the Mixed School, suffers severely from inadequate premises, and has had the additional misfortune of losing one of its Staff for a considerable time through ill health. The condition both of the management and of the instruction, though generally good, is in some respects a little exposed to criticism; but in the circumstances the teachers rather deserve approbation and encouragement. In one particular, that of object pictures, the department is very well equipped.

XII.—Stockbridge School.—(Mr. Dunn.)

Mixed School.—The organisation and discipline of the School are thoroughly satisfactory. The reading throughout the School is generally good. The penmanship, however, is capable of very considerable improvement, being very frequently too small, and only rarely of superior quality. The arithmetic was good throughout, with the exception of the Fourth Standard, in which there was a slight deficiency; that of the Sixth Standard was specially meritorious, presenting hardly any mistake. The grammar of the Second and Third Standards was remarkably good; but the same cannot be said of the analysis of the fifth and sixth, in which there was manifested uncertainty, though the sentences given were very easy. The comprehension of the lessons was throughout good, and often strikingly so. The history and geography were of a high order of merit; these subjects have been most ably taught, and so as to excite the interest

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of the children. The Specific Subjects were very creditable. The single Latin paper handed in did not contain any mistakes, and the French was done with commendable accuracy. It may be added that the singing was good, especially in the highest class, in which most gratifying progress had been made in the sol-fa. The drill-movements also were executed with precision. The work of inspection was facilitated by the good supply of desks. It would be advantageous if the partition separating the contiguous class-rooms in both departments were pierced by a door, so as to afford ready entrance and egress to classes, as according to existing arrangements classes have to pass through the main room, to the interruption and disturbance of the work there.

Infants' School.—The Infant Department is in many respects a model one. The order and quietness of so large a number of young children evince great tact, vigilance, and intelligent effort on the part of the Mistress and her Staff. The instruction of the Infants is thorough, appropriate, and the results were most successful. The work of the First Standard could hardly have been surpassed, so far as regards correctness, but the writing did not reach the same level of excellence.

XIII.—West Fountainbridge School.—(Mr. Waddell.)

Mixed School.—The tone and discipline of this large School are very superior. The Junior Department passed, on the whole, a most satisfactory examination; it might, however, be well to bestow more care, in some classes, upon expressive reading and general intelligence. The Senior Department has, over all, improved very considerably. At the same time, the Fourth Standard had rather more failures than it should have; and the Fifth (which, it is but fair to add, is last year's backward Fourth) showed great weakness in composition and arithmetic. Both Fifth and Sixth were rather defective in explaining their reading lessons, and answered irregularly in history and geography. The Specific Subjects call for no remark. The general improvement is partly due to the Head-master's growing experience, but the strength of the Staff must also be considered. Putting aside monitors, it should be noted (1.) that the Staff largely consists of certificated teachers; (2.) that during the past year it would satisfy the Code's requirements for an average attendance of 780, while the average with which it has had to deal is but 563. It is undoubtedly wise to keep a Staff effective, but a School like this should rapidly become a model one. The desks have been increased, but it would be well if some of the forms were replaced by folding desks, which might be used in an emergency.

Infants' School.—The Infant Department continues to be managed with much care and skill. The tone and order are very satisfactory, and the state of the instruction decidedly good.

XIV.—West Port School.—(Mr. Dunn.)

Mixed School.—As the School will shortly be removed to new premises, it is unnecessary to advert particularly to the condition of the present School buildings, except to say that it must be taken largely

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into account in estimating the results of the instruction. The children belong likewise to a generally low social grade; and the teachers, therefore, deserve great credit for the efficiency attained under circumstances so unpropitious. The order and tone of the School are highly satisfactory, and the results were generally creditable. The Third Standard made the poorest appearance, being defective in spelling and arithmetic. Attention should also be given to the grammar of both the Third and Fourth Standards; and the penmanship was apt to be too small. The First and Second Standards showed gratifying proficiency, and their Writing was distinctly good. History and Geography, showed careful and well sustained instruction.

Infant School.—The Infant Department is under intelligent and spirited management. The subjects proper to such a Department are efficiently taught, and with satisfactory results. The First Standard made a good appearance.

II.—*SUMMARY of Reports of the Head-Masters.*

I. BRISTO SCHOOL.—The Head-master's report is altogether satisfactory,—so far as regards the Staff and general working of the School. He points out, however, certain deficiencies in the School itself, and dwells especially on the inconvenience of the entrance to the girl's playground. "The only entrance to it," he says, "is through General's Entry, a very questionable thoroughfare, whence the pupils have suffered much annoyance. It would prevent this, and be likewise a great convenience, were the present entrance shut up, and a door made into Potterrow." This report, like all the others from the Head-masters, should be handed over to the visitors of the School, in order that they may bring the necessity for repairs and alterations under the notice of the Finance Committee.

II. CAUSEWAYSIDE SCHOOL.—This report presents the results of the years' teaching in a brief and at the same time very complete form. "There were 81 passes in Specific Subjects, being 94 per cent. of those presented. The percentage of passes in the ordinary subjects was—

Reading, ...	99 per cent.
Writing, ...	91 per cent.
Arithmetic, . . .	94 per cent.

"Although, therefore, the Specific Subjects have been carefully attended to, the high results obtained in the ordinary subjects show that the latter have not been neglected."

III. DALRY SCHOOL.—This report begins by calling attention to various imperfections in the buildings and ventilation of the rooms. Some of these, affecting the comfort and health of the pupils, require the immediate attention of the visitors. Under the head of "Pupils," the Head-master reports as follows:—"In my former report I referred to the backward state of those who came to school for the first time,

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when almost or altogether seven years of age. Since that time a new arrangement has been sanctioned by which such pupils, though they be qualified by attendance for presentation, may be kept back for a year. Reasonable grounds for complaint against the former rule existed on account of its hard and fast nature, but it seems to me that the new rule introduces an element of caprice, that will more or less vitiate all comparisons or percentages which include Standard I.

"In Dalry the new rule was not taken advantage of at all. If the results in a few instances be less satisfactory, the means of comparison will be more complete, and the relative position of the School therefore more easily determined."

In regard to the enrolments and attendance, the report goes on to say:—"The number on the roll rose during the year to be considerably above a thousand, and as all, except a very few, live in the immediate neighbourhood of the School, this indicates that with a good average attendance, there is not now in the School accommodation sufficient for the district in which it is placed, nor even for the pupils already enrolled."

IV. DEAN SCHOOL.—The report expresses considerable dissatisfaction with the year's results. "The pupil-teachers," it says, "in charge of Standards I., II., III. (under the superintendence of Miss E. Alexander or myself), I am sorry to say, have not produced such good results as we expected, especially when so much time was spent by Miss Alexander and me in drilling their classes to bring them up to the mark, and that to the detriment of our own Standards.

"Miss M. A., pupil-teacher, now in her fourth year, was transferred from the Infant to the Juvenile Department, to take charge of Standard I. Her experience in managing and training children in large classes has been very limited; therefore I am the more inclined to judge leniently in regard to the number of failures in her Standard. But I was very much surprised at the appearance her class made before Mr. Paterson in the Religious Knowledge examination. It can only be accounted for by the very short time between the two examinations, which made it impossible to revise the work gone over during the Session; and that a great number had joined the class after the May term.

"Miss A. W., Pupil-teacher, now in her fourth year, has taught Standard II. since 21st March. She is not to blame for the great percentage of failures in this large class, numbering over 90 pupils. She has to assist Mrs. Grant in the sewing-room one hour a day, on every alternate week with Miss Allan, during which time their classes fall into my hands or Miss Alexander's; and as we are fully occupied with our own Standards, we are unable to give them the attention they require. The remarks on Religious Instruction of Standard I. apply to Standard II., as they were taught together."

This report cannot be regarded as satisfactory, either as respects the Pupil-teachers in question or the Headmaster himself. The report concludes with an unfavourable account of one of the male Pupil-teachers, and requests that the Board will "neither continue his services, nor grant him the £10 promised to Pupil-teachers who do efficient work during their apprenticeship under the Board."

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V. DEANHAUGH STREET SCHOOL.—The report describes fairly the condition of the School. The Headmaster proposes, if the Board approve, to change the scale of fees in accordance with that in other schools. "The only difference will be, that Standard III. will pay 3d. instead of 3½d. a week, and Standards V. and VI. 5d. instead of 4½." Of the Sewing Department he says:—"Mrs. Grant, Sewing Mistress, informs me that, having frequently to change her plans to satisfy the lady visitor, as well as from having barely an hour daily to instruct the girls, she has not been able to produce such satisfactory results as she expected."

VI. HOLYROOD SCHOOL.—The Report on this School is as follows:—"During the past Session the attendance has been very good. The health of the children has been excellent, so that nearly as many as usual have attended the requisite number of times for examination, and that with a smaller average. The older pupils have been taught sewing by myself and the Pupil-teachers since the closing of the Juvenile School, and satisfactory progress has been made."

VII. LEITH WALK SCHOOL.—The Headmaster complains of some disorderly proceedings in the cloak-room, and of various articles of clothing, especially boys' caps, having gone amissing. The playground, while improved by the alterations already made, is described as far from satisfactory. Certain proposals to improve the offices, and more particularly the suggestion that the large room of the School should be divided for teaching purposes by a partition with folding glass-doors, should receive the attention of the Visitors of the School.

The Headmaster does not meet any of the charges in the Inspector's report by a direct statement, but he may be supposed to account for the want of discipline and organisation in his department in the following paragraphs:—(1.) "The large room, which accommodates 300 children, while suitable for superintending the written work of the classes, and for carrying on examination work with large numbers at a time, is not so well adapted for teaching purposes where classes are subdivided into smaller sections. There would be a more complete concentration of teaching power, as well as a better supervision of Standards, while there would be a saving of time with less changing of classes, were the room divided by a partition with folding glass-doors." (2.) "The Staff which began the session, seven Certificated teachers and ten Pupil-teachers, was increased in January by two Certificated and one Pupil-teacher in the Juvenile department. Both of these teachers died within about two months after they had entered on duty, and when they were just beginning to do good work. The two teachers who were appointed in their stead could scarcely be expected to have the Standards under their charge so well prepared for inspection as they otherwise might have been, and consequently the Junior divisions of Standards II. and IV. were defective at the Inspector's visit."

Otherwise than from these two paragraphs it would not be surmised from the report that there was anything amiss in the School, or that the Inspector's report was condemnatory, and accompanied by a

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warning from the Department. Indeed, the Headmaster's report describes the condition of the School in very favourable terms.

VIII. NEW STREET SCHOOL.—The report is thoroughly satisfactory and favourable, except in regard to the play-ground and offices,—and one of the Staff, who is censured for severity. He has since resigned. It fully bears out the Headmaster's estimate of the efficiency of the School, that the passes in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic average 89 per cent., and that the grant earned was 15s. 7d. a head. If the character of the children who compose this School be taken into account, this must be regarded as eminently satisfactory, and creditable to the teachers.

IX. NORTH CANONGATE SCHOOL.—Mr. Swanston presents a very interesting report of the condition and equipment of the School, and furnishes some statistics which show that the School, considering all the circumstances of the case, is in a satisfactory condition.

X. ROSEBURN SCHOOL.—Brief and satisfactory report.

XI. ST. LEONARD'S SCHOOL.—The chief paragraphs in the report are these:—"In consequence of the condition imposed by the Education Department in connection with the payment of the last Government grant, no scholars have been admitted since the middle of last September, while every reasonable means has been adopted of reducing the numbers, so as to bring the average attendance within the prescribed limit. The present attendance is very nearly equal to amount of accommodation, but the annual average is somewhat above it, being about 650, or nearly 100 less than last year. The number of children to whom admission was refused was over 200, while a considerable number of names was removed from the register in order to reduce the attendance."

"The health of the teachers has not been so satisfactory as could have been wished. Every member of the staff, with the exception of Mr. M'Caull and myself, has been more or less absent from illness, while Mr. Davidson has been laid aside from duty with rheumatic fever since April 29th, and Miss Prentice with scarlet fever since May 7th."

XII. STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL.—The report is altogether satisfactory, and is fully confirmed by that of the Inspector. Both he and the Headmaster agree that an "improvement of considerable importance in the School would be a door of communication between the two contiguous class-rooms, which would enable the pupils in the Upper Standards to use desks by turns, without requiring to pass through the hall."

XIII. WEST FOUNTAINBRIDGE.—The report on the Staff is accompanied by the following statement from Dr. Robertson:—"I have spoken so fully on all matters concerning the School to my Visiting Committee, that I do not need to say more here. I am fully satisfied

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that every member of my Staff, down to the youngest monitor, has done his and her duty unceasingly. I am thankful also to say that the conduct of the children has been uniformly good."

XIV. WEST PORT SCHOOL.—The report describes the buildings, the playground, the furniture, and equipment of the School as certainly capable of improvement, but still of such a nature as to enable the teachers to secure fairly good results. In regard to the numbers in attendance the Headmaster says,—"The attendance of the Juvenile division increased very much in the last half of the session, owing to the closing of Victoria Terrace School. This has increased our average attendance for the year, but as those pupils could not be presented for examination by H. M. Inspector, not having time to make the necessary attendance, our number qualified for presentation seems small compared with our average attendance." The Headmaster describes the conduct of one of the pupil-teachers, now in her fifth year, as frequently unsatisfactory.

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Analysis of H. M. Inspectors' Reports upon the Board Schools, 1879.

NAME OF SCHOOL	Average Attendance.	Qualified for Examination.	Presented for Examination.	Percentage passed in each Subject.			Aggregate Percentage in Three Subjects.	Total Grant Earned.			Rate of Grant per Scholar in Average Attendance.			Passes in Specific Subjects.								Grant Earned for Specific Subjects.		
				Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.								Domestic Economy.	Physical Geography.	English Literature.	Latin.	Mathematics.	French.	Physiology.	German.			
								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									£	s.	d.
Bristo,	808	481	431	94·8	90·9	90·9	92·26	622	9	0	0	15	4⅜	20	6	11	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	0
Causewayside,	578	402	385	99·2	90·1	93·2	94·19	496	15	0	0	17	2¼	27	...	40	13	...	...	...	...	16	0	0
Dalry,	714	624	544	97·4	98·3	87·3	94·3	740	5	0	*1	0	8⅜	18	19	38	...	...	...	...	...	17	10	0
Dean,	324	241	224	91·9	91·5	75·8	85·39	283	9	0	0	14	4⅜	14	15	27	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	0
Deanhaugh Street,	258	208	180	77·2	75·	70·5	74·25	192	15	0	0	14	11¼	6	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil.*		
Holyrood (Infant),	144	64	55	80·	70·9	74·2	75·15	83	0	0	0	11	6¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		
Leith Walk,	948	722	648	92·5	81·	80·4	83·17	778	9	0	0	16	5	22	14	46	5	1	2	...	...	18	0	0
New Street,	921	681	577	95·8	92·5	84·5	90·98	717	17	4	0	15	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		
North Canongate,	364	287	246	94·3	89·	83·3	88·8	156	2	0	†0	8	6⅜	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	0	6	0
Roseburn (Infant),	87	21	16	87·1	93·7	87·1	89·58	52	1	8	0	11	11¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		
St. Leonard's,	655	511	450	94·8	91·1	95·5	93·85	583	15	6	0	17	9¾	21	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	6	8	0
Stockbridge,	648	542	480	98·1	96·	93·7	96·25	621	16	0	0	19	2¼	49	24	81	1	...	7	..	...	32	8	0
West Fountainbridge,	866	752	665	95·4	93·5	88·2	92·43	774	19	0	0	17	10⅜	21	...	...	5	1	6	...	2	7	0	0
West Port,	263	163	132	92·4	91·6	86·4	90·	204	14	6	0	15	6¾	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
	7578	5699	5033	94·08	90·4	88·52	91·	6308	8	0	0	16	7¼	203	79	254	25	2	16	11	2	117	4	0

* The Grant for this School is for the period of fourteen months; the proportion for the twelve months is one-seventh less, or 17s. 9¼d.

† The Grant for this School is for the period of six months *only*; the proportion for the twelve months would be 17s. 1¾d.

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Table showing number of Passes in each Standard, and giving the Names of the Teachers of the respective Standards.

SCHOOL.		INFANTS. STANDARD I.			STANDARD I.			STANDARD II.			STANDARD III.			STANDARD IV.			STANDARD V.			STANDARD VI.		
		Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.	Number Presented.	Attainable Passes.	Number of Passes.
1. BRISTO, . . .	Teachers' Names,	Mrs. Murray and 3 P. T.'s, and Miss Anderson.			Miss Munro and 3 P. T.'s, and Miss Ronaldson and 1 P. T.			Miss Munro and 1 P. T.			Mr. Crockett and 1 P. T.			Mr. Edwards.			Mr. Philip.					
		42	126	118	136	408	392	98	294	282	93	279	259	45	135	114	16	48	28	1	3	1
2. CAUSEWAYSIDE, . .	Teachers' Names,	Miss Gibson and from 1 to 3 P. T.'s			Miss Crear and 2 or 3 P. T.'s.			Miss Alexander and 2 P. T.'s.			Miss Crear and 2 or 3 P. T.'s.			Miss Bonnar and Mr. Mackay in succession, and Mr. Taylor and 1 P. T.			Mr. Taylor and 1 P. T.					
		77	231	228	51	153	152	108	324	314	70	210	184	49	147	133	23	69	57	10	30	29
3. DALRY, . . .	Teachers' Names,		*Nil.*		Mr. Martin and P. T.'s, and Miss Morison and P. T.'s, and her Substitutes.			Mr. Martin and P. T.'s, and Miss Neil.			Mr. Martin and P. T.'s, and Miss Croal.			Mr. Louden.			Mr. Aitken.					
					158	474	437	163	489	476	119	357	338	66	198	180	28	84	80	10	30	29
4. DEAN, ...	Teachers' Names,		*Nil.*		Pupil Teacher.			Pupil Teacher.			Pupil Teacher.			Miss Alexander.			Mr. Duncan.			Mr. Duncan.		
					61	183	158	63	189	171	46	138	109	28	84	74	21	63	56	7	21	19
5. DEANHAUGH STREET, .	Teachers' Names,	Miss M'Kenzie and 2 P. T.'s.			Mr. Gloag and 4 P. T.'s.																	
		32	96	76	41	123	79	30	90	74	33	99	75	29	87	64	11	33	24	4	12	9
6. HOLYROOD, . . .	Teachers' Names,	Mr. Anderson and P. T.'s.						Mr. Anderson and P. T.'s.														
		41	123	96	...	...	...	15	45	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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7. Leith Walk, . .	Teachers' Names,	Miss M'Millan and 2 P. T.'s, and Miss Foulds and 1 P. T.			Mr. Alexander & Miss Mauchline and 2 P. T.'s.			Mr. Alexander & Miss Johnston and 2 P. T.'s.			Mr. Alexander and Miss Gray and 2 P. T.'s.			Mr. Alexander and Mr Aiton & Mr. Muncaster in succession and 1 P. T.			Mr. Yule and 1 P. T.					
		94	282	276	77	231	221	163	489	372	163	489	435	84	252	170	40	120	98	33	99	85
8. New Street, . .	Teachers' Names,	*Nil.*			Miss Sloan and 2 P. T.'s, Miss Drummond and Miss Porteous and 3 P. T.'s.			Mr. Porteous and Mr. Brown in succession and Miss Porteous and 3 P. T.'s.			Mr. Robertson and Mr. Porteous and Mr. Brown in succession, and 3 P. T.'s, and Miss Johnston.			Mr. Robertson.			Mr. Robertson and Miss Beck and 3 P. T.'s.					
		...	...	..	164	492	466	175	525	473	143	429	399	59	177	140	35	105	97	...	...	...
9. North Canongate, .	Teachers' Names,	*Nil.*			Mr. Bell and 2 P. T.'s, and Miss Bonnar and 1 P. T.			Miss M'Ivor and 1 P. T.			Mr. Swanston and 2 P. T.'s.			Mr. Swanston and 2 P. T.'s.			Miss Ligertwood and 1 P. T.			Miss Ligertwood and 1 P. T.		
					74	222	217	67	201	187	53	159	130	26	78	56	11	33	20	18	54	52
10. Roseburn (Infant School),	Teachers' Names,	Miss Donaldson and 1 P. T.																					
		16	48	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. St. Leonard's, . .	Teachers' Names,	*Nil.*			Miss Cameron and 5 P. T., and Miss Prentice and Miss Gilchrist and 1 P. T.			Miss Thallon and 1 P. T. and Mr. Davidson and Substitutes.			Mr. M'Caull and 1 P. T.			Mr. Andrew and 2 P. T.'s.								
					142	426	411	132	396	346	94	282	274	54	162	154	24	72	70	4	12	12
12. Stockbridge, . .	Teachers' Names,	Miss Braid and Miss Ainge and 4 P. T.'s.			Mr. Swanston & Mr. Bauchope in succession, and 4 P. T.'s.			Mr. Swanston & Mr. Bauchope in succession, and 4 P. T.'s.			Miss M'Ivor and Miss Ritchie in succession, and 1 P. T.			Miss Ligertwood and Miss Wood in succession.			Mr. Bell and Mr. Shennan in succession, and 1 P. T.					
		77	231	230	40	120	114	110	330	322	108	324	319	78	234	215	48	144	135	35	105	99
13. West Fountainbridge,	Teachers' Names,	Miss Vallance and 3 P. T.'s, and Miss Lambert and Miss Sharp.			Mr. Peattie and 4 P. T.'s.						Dr. Robertson and 3 P. T.'s, and Mr. Peattie and 4 P. T.'s, and Mr. Paterson.			Mr. Duke and Miss Mitchell and 1 P. T., and Mr. Peattie and 4 P. T.'s.			Miss Cuthbertson.			Dr. Robertson and 3 P. T.'s, and Mr. Duke.		
		135	405	388	52	156	149	118	354	337	168	504	484	133	399	356	43	129	86	18	54	52
14. West Port, . .	Teachers' Names,	Miss Robertson and 2 P. T.'s.			Miss Robertson and 2 P. T.'s,			Mr. Robertson and 3 P. T.'s.															
		27	81	77	17	51	45	47	141	136	20	60	45	18	54	46	5	15	14	1	3	3

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APPENDIX No. VIII.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT *between the* EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD *and the* RECTOR *and* MASTERS *of the* ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL, *for Session* 1878-79, *as at 9th October* 1879.

I. Fee Fund—

Prescribed Course, Extra and Special Classes, and Vocal Music, viz.—

Balance in favour of the Fund, as per Statement for Session 1877-78,					£509 9 4
Allocated and paid to Rector and Masters on 25th October 1878—					
Dr. Donaldson,			£96 4 7		
Mr. Macdonald,			57 14 9		
Mr. Jeffrey,			57 14 9		
Dr. Ross,			57 14 9		
Mr. Munn,			57 14 9		
Mr. Arnot,			41 4 11		
Mr. Ravensberg,			24 14 11		
Mr. Norrie,			34 7 4		
Mr. Schneider,			41 4 11		
Mr. Maclagan,			15 13 0		
Mr. Gibson,			12 10 4		
Mr. Black,			12 10 4		
					509 9 4
Amount of Fees received during Session 1878-79 up to 30th September 1879, viz. :—					
On account of Arrears of Session 1877-78—					
A. K. Ramsay, for 2d, 3d, and 4th Quarters,			£8 5 0		
James A. Greig, for 1st Quarter,			3 0 0		
			£11 5 0		
For Prescribed Course and Extra and Special Classes,			5082 12 0		
			£5093 17 0		
For Vocal Music—					
On account of Arrears of Session 1877-78—					
A. K. Ramsay,	£0 2 6				
James A. Greig,	0 2 6				
	£0 5 0				
On account of Session 1878-79,	101 10 0				
			101 15 0		
			£5195 12 0		
Deduct Expenses incurred in recovering Arrears,			5 0 1		
					£5190 11 11
Arrears outstanding at 30th September 1879—					
Arrears of Session 1877-78 omitted to be noted in last Statement—					
A. K. Ramsay, I. Class, for Prescribed Course, 2d, 3d, and 4th Quarters,	£8 5 0				
Do. Do. Vocal Music, 2d Quarter,	0 2 6				
	£8 7 6				
Carry forward,	£8 7 6				£5190 11 11

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Brought forward,		£8 7 6		£5190 11 11
James A. Greig, II. Class for Prescribed Course, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Quarters, .	£12 0 0			
Do. Do. Vocal Music, 1st and 2d Quarters, . .	0 5 0			
		12 5 0		
		£20 12 6		
Whereof paid by A. K. Ramsay, . .	£8 7 6			
Do. Do. James A. Greig, for 1st Quarter, Prescribed Course, and Vocal Music, . .	3 2 6			
		11 10 0		
		£9 2 6		
Session 1878-79—				
Robert D. Brown, II. Class, Prescribed Course, 4th Quarter, . .	£3 0 0			
Thomas D. Bryce, IV. Class, Prescribed Course, 2d, 3d, and 4th Quarters, .	10 10 0			
Do. Do. Vocal Music, 2d Quarter, .	0 2 6			
		13 12 6		
		£22 15 0		
Salaries paid to Rector and Masters on account of Session 1878-79—				
Dr. Donaldson, ...			£460 0 0	
Dr. Cranstoun, ...			380 0 0	
Mr. Jeffrey, ...			380 0 0	
Mr. Maclagan, ...			300 0 0	
Dr. Ross, ...			400 0 0	
Mr. Norrie, ...			250 0 0	
Mr. Gibson, ...			200 0 0	
Mr. Munn, ...			400 0 0	
Mr. Black, ...			200 0 0	
Mr. Arnot, ...			300 0 0	
Mr. Ravensberg, ...			180 0 0	
Mr. Schneider, ...			350 0 0	
Mr. Ferguson, ...			40 0 0	
Mr. Keys, Assistant French Master, . .			35 0 0	
Mr. Macdonald, Do. . .			12 10 0	
Mr. Lees, ...			50 0 0	
Dr. Andrew Wilson, ...			40 0 0	
Mr. Sneddon, ...			60 0 0	
				£4037 10 0
Surplus Fee Fund of Session 1878-79, . .				£1153 1 11
Carry forward,				£11F

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Brought forward,		£1153 1 11
Whereof paid to Rector and Masters on 16th July 1879—		
Dr. Donaldson,	£152 8 5	
Dr. Cranstoun,	91 9 0	
Mr. Jeffrey,	91 9 0	
Dr. Ross,	91 9 0	
Mr. Norrie,	54 8 9	
Mr. Munn,	91 9 0	
Mr. Arnot,	65 6 6	
Mr. Ravensberg,	39 3 11	
Mr. Schneider,	76 4 3	
Mr. Maclagan,	19 19 6	
Mr. Gibson,	13 6 4	
Mr. Black,	13 6 4	
		800 0 0
Balance of Surplus Fee Fund at 30th September 1879,		£353 1 11
To be allocated to Rector and Masters as follows, viz. :—		
Dr. Donaldson,	£67 6 6	
Dr. Cranstoun,	40 7 11	
Mr. Jeffrey,	40 7 11	
Dr. Ross,	40 7 11	
Mr. Munn,	40 7 11	
Mr. Arnot,	28 17 0	
Mr. Ravensberg,	17 6 2	
Mr. Norrie,	24 0 9	
Mr. Schneider,	33 13 3	
Mr. Maclagan,	8 14 3	
Mr. Gibson,	5 16 2	
Mr. Black,	5 16 2	
		353 1 11

II. Endowment Fund—

INCOME—

Balance in favour of the Fund, as per Statement for Session 1877-78,		£34 12 8
Amount received from the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, including £5, 5s. 8d. interest on Benjamin Mackay's Bequest for Prizes for year 1878-79,		837 3 4
Amount of Matriculation Fees received during Session 1878-79, including 10s. arrears of 1877-78,		107 15 0
Transferred from School Fund to meet Balance due by Masters on account of the Expenditure on Repairs incurred in 1873-74,	£102 16 0	
Repairs to Buildings, 1878-79,	136 15 7	
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, 1878-79,	64 15 5	
Furniture, including Teaching Apparatus, 1878-79,	14 9 7	
Examination Expenses, 1878-79,	29 8 0	
Repayment of Loan and Interest,	46 19 10	
		395 4 5
Interest on Bank Account,		2 16 7
		£1377 12 0
Carry forward,		£1377 12 0

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			Brought forward,		£1377 12 0
EXPENDITURE—					
Balance due by Rector and Masters, being two-sixths of £308, 7s. 11d., brought from Statement for Session 1877-78, and charged in the Accounts for this Session, the Board having agreed to transfer a like sum from the School Fund to meet this Balance. See Minutes of Board of 15th July 1879,				£102 16 0	
Salaries paid to Rector and Masters :—					
Dr. Donaldson,		£240 0 0			
Dr. Cranstoun,		40 0 0			
Mr. Jeffrey,		40 0 0			
Dr. Ross,		20 0 0			
Mr. Munn,		20 0 0			
				360 0 0	
Salary of Janitor, including Uniform,				94 0 6	
Printing, Postages, and Advertising,				76 13 10	
Books, Apparatus, and Stationery,				73 11 4	
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance,				64 15 5	
Purchase of, and Repairs to, Furniture, and Cleaning,				25 13 3	
Cleaners' Wages,				65 2 0	
Fuel and Light,				47 11 5	
Repairs to Buildings,				136 15 7	
Prizes,				75 11 6	
Examination Expenses,				29 8 0	
Repayment of Loan and Interest,				46 19 10	
					£1198 18 8
Balance in favour of the Endowment Fund, carried to Account for Session 1879-80,					£178 13 4
Whereof to be allocated to Rector and Masters as follows,				£100 0 0	
Dr. Donaldson,		£16 16 6			
Dr. Cranstoun,		10 1 11			
Mr. Jeffrey,		10 1 11			
Dr. Ross,		10 1 11			
Mr. Munn,		10 1 11			
Mr. Arnot,		7 4 3			
Mr. Ravensberg,		4 6 7			
Mr. Schneider,		8 8 3			
Mr. Maclagan,		7 4 3			
Mr. Gibson,		4 16 2			
Mr. Black,		4 16 2			
Mr. Norrie,		6 0 2			
				100 0 0	

III. Drawing Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79,	£101 5 0
Paid to Mr. Ferguson,	101 5 0

IV. Fencing and Gymnastic Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79,	£35 14 0
Paid to Captain Roland,	35 14 0

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V. Military Drill Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79, including 2s. 6d. on account of Arrears of 1877-78,				£96	7 6
Paid to Captain Roland,				96	7 6
Arrears outstanding at 30th September 1879—					
Session 1877-78—					
J. A. Greig, II. Class, 3d Quarter,			£0 2 6		
Session 1878-79—					
Robert D. Brown, II. Class, 4th Quarter,	£0 2 6				
Thomas D. Bryce, IV. Class, 3d and 4th Quarters,	0 5 0				
			0 7 6		
			£0 10 0		

VI. Engineering Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79,	£2	2 0
Paid to Mr. Fairweather,	2	2 0

VII. Shorthand Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79,	£15	15 0
Paid to Mr. Thompson,	15	15 0

VIII. Hindustani Class—

Fees received during Session 1878-79,	£1	11 6
Paid to Mr. Thompson,	1	11 6

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER 1879.

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AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on Monday, the 8th day of December* 1879, *at Three o'clock* P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.	PROFESSOR CRUM BROWN.
Rev. Mr. BALFOUR.	Mr. BROWN DOUGLAS.
Rev. Mr. KAY.	PROFESSOR DUFF.
Rev. Mr. M'KENZIE.	Mr. GUTHRIE.
Rev. DR. SMITH.	DR. HARVEY.
BAILIE TAWSE.	Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting of the Board were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read the Report of the School Management Committee as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee, in terms of the remit of the Board, agreed to appoint Robert Williamson and James G. Crerar to the two Assistantships not filled up at the last Meeting of the Board. The Committee agreed to recommend that the six assistants appointed be sent to the various Schools as follows, viz. :—To Dean, James Shearer; Deanhaugh Street, James G. Crerar; Leith Walk, George Pringle; North Canongate, William Bell; New Street, Robert Williamson; and St. Leonard's, James Clark. The Committee instructed the Clerk to make arrangements for supplying the vacancies in Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Leith Walk, and Causewayside Schools till the assistants who have been appointed can enter on duty.

The Committee appointed Peter Brown Janitor of St. Leonard's School, and James Robertson Assistant to the Compulsory Officer.

The Committee approved of the plans for Abbeyhill School prepared by Mr. Wilson, and approved by the Building Committee. The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to prepare working plans and specifications, and to get estimates for the work as early as possible.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Scotch Education Department asking an estimate of the number of children, and of the School accommodation in the Abbeyhill District, before sanctioning the erection of a School for 700 children. The Committee instructed the Clerk to furnish the information.

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The Committee had before them a letter from Mr. C. J. Pearson, Session Clerk of Greenside Parish, intimating that the Session had resolved to close Greenside Infant School at Christmas.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to appoint Mrs. Mylne, Mrs. White Millar, and Miss Cowan Lady Managers of Abbeyhill School.

The Committee remitted to the Finance Committee to appoint a clerk in the office in room of Mr. Dickson.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to make the following verbal changes on the Minute regarding salaries of Teachers adopted by the Board on July 14th, 1879, viz.,—in paragraph 1, delete "not;" and in paragraph 5, delete "Staff" and insert instead "Teachers (not including Pupil-teachers.)"

ARCH. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and it was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to consider the School accommodation in the Greenside district.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the School Work Committee as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to open a combined Drawing-class for Pupil-teachers and Monitors on Saturdays. From returns received by the Committee, about 120 Pupil-teachers and Monitors are prepared to take advantage of the class, and it is recommended to teach the class in two divisions for two hours each. In the event of the Board agreeing to the recommendations of the Committee, they would further recommend that Mr. Edward Gibbons be appointed to teach the class, and that he be paid £25 therefor till the end of April.

The Committee regret that they are unable to recommend the Board to agree to the request of the Edinburgh Association for the University Education of Women to obtain three months' practice in teaching for those ladies attending Professor Laurie's class who intend to become teachers.

The Committee propose to hold an examination of applicants for the office of Pupil-teacher on Saturday, the 10th January 1880.

The Committee appointed Annie Anderson a Pupil-teacher to New Street School.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener.*

The Report was approved. It was remitted to the Committee to make detailed arrangements for conducting the combined Drawing Class.

The following Report of the Committee on Building was read by Professor Crum Brown:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee had under consideration the plans of Abbeyhill School, by Mr. Wilson, Architect, to accommodate 700 children, and

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agreed to recommend the School Management Committee to approve thereof, and to authorise Mr. Wilson to prepare working plans and specifications, and take estimates.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to accept the following estimates for St. Leonard's School, viz.:—Alexander Angus for cutting Tuskstones in Gables, £9; R. Laidlaw and Son for Gasfittings, £59, 2s.; W. S. Brown for Teachers' Desks and Furniture for Teachers' rooms, £65, 7s.; and for Window Blinds, £46, 3s. 9d; D. Greig for Forms for the Juvenile Department, £60; Forms for the Infant Department, £10; twenty-four fixed Desks in class-rooms, £40; and four Forms for back Desks, £2, 16s.; J. Bryden and Son for Bell, £15, 10s.; James Forrest for Grates for Teachers' rooms, and for Janitor's house, £8, 10s.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to get the Gas-pendants in Causewayside School altered in a manner similar to those in Stockbridge School, at a cost not to exceed £8, 19s.

The Committee authorised Mr. Wilson to execute small repairs at New Street, North Canongate, and Abbeyhill Schools.

A. CRUM BROWN, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report of the Committee on School Attendance:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee had an interview with a Deputation from the Committee of Management of the House of Refuge, on the question of feeding Destitute and Neglected children attending school. The Deputation informed the Committee that they would be able to provide two meals a day for 50 children at the House of Refuge, and expressed a hope that the Board would provide them with a register containing the names of the children recommended for assistance, in order to prevent the possibility of children being admitted who are not entitled to receive the meals. The Committee remitted to the Convener to select the names of 50 children from the Compulsory Officer's list to be recommended for these meals, and agreed to furnish the names of the children to Mr. Nelson, the Governor of the House of Refuge.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to remit to the Committee on Cookery, with powers, to make trial in one of the schools of giving practice lessons in cookery, as recommended by Miss Guthrie Wright, provided the necessary arrangements can be made.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and it was agreed to appoint the following special Committee on Cookery—viz., Miss Blyth (convener), Miss Flora C. Stevenson, Mr. Adamson, and Dr. Harvey.

A letter from Mr. W. U. Martin, Dalry School, calling attention to the defective school accommodation in that district, was remitted to the Committee to consider and report.

A memorial, submitted by the rate-payers of Norton Park, Norton Place, Abbeyhill, and district, requesting the Board to provide additional school accommodation for the district, was also remitted to the Committee.

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Mr. Adamson read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee, referring to the resolution of the Board passed at last meeting to close the advanced classes, again had the matter under consideration, and agreed to recommend the Board to continue these classes till the end of the session. In the meantime, they instructed the Clerk to arrange that the classes be kept open till the Board meet on Monday, the 8th December.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and it was remitted to the Committee to consider whether the advanced classes for English and Composition and for Latin should be taught in a combined class during the remainder of the Session.

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the Finance Committee as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee had under consideration the remit of the Board with respect to the letter of Mr. Greig, Inspector of the City Parish, dated 18th September 1879, asking the Board to grant a discharge certifying that the Parish of the City of Edinburgh had duly levied, collected, and paid over to the School Board of Edinburgh the School rate for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879. The Committee authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign a certificate, setting forth the rate per pound of rental, certified by the Board as School rate for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, and the amount of the proceeds of that rate paid over by the Parochial Board of the City Parish to the School Board.

The Committee had before them Certificate "A" for North Canongate School, and approved thereof.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to ask from the Public Work Loan Commissioners, along with the loan required for building Abbeyhill School, a loan amounting to £928, 5s. 1d., being sum required, in addition to the loans formerly received and the Building Grants from the Scotch Education Department, to close the accounts of North Canongate and Stockbridge Schools.

The Committee agreed to pay to the wife of William Bone, lately an Assistant to the Compulsory Officer, the sum of £6, 4s.

The Committee agreed to remit the fee of Frederick Miller, a pupil in the sixth class of the High School, for the first quarter of this session, as recommended by Dr. Donaldson's letter of 20th November 1879.

The Committee appointed Archibald Campbell to attend to the heating of Abbeyhill School, at a salary of 10s. per week, and agreed to fix the salary of the cleaner of the same School at the rate of £15 per annum.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the teachers be instructed not to send their orders for repairs, apparatus, etc., except in very urgent cases, oftener than once a month.

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The Committee considered the remit of the Board regarding the inequalities of expenditure in the various Schools, as shown in the "State of the Treasurer's Intromissions."

Under the heads "Books, Apparatus, and Stationery;" "Printing and Advertising;" and "Salaries of Janitors," the inequalities are not greater than might have been looked for, and call for no remark.

Under the head "Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance," the inequalities are very large, but with the exception of an entry of £304, 18s. 6d. against Leith Walk School, which mainly consists of rate for causewaying the street, which will not occur again; £72, 10s. 4d. for buying up Feu-duty of Bristo School; and £55 for the Rent of South Gray's Close School, used in connection with New Street School, these inequalities are beyond the control of the Board.

The items under "Repairs to Furniture and to Buildings" show no great inequalities, except in Leith Walk and St. Leonard's, which also were exceptionally heavy within the twelve months. In Leith Walk School a large number of desks and forms were added, owing to the increased attendance; and new flooring was put into St. Leonard's School.

The remaining item is "Salaries of Teachers." This shows considerable inequality. In the State of the Treasurer's Intromissions, however, the amount charged under Salaries of Teachers is not properly comparable with the amounts entered under School Fees and Grants within the same twelve months, for these reasons—(1) That two new Schools, Dalry and North Canongate, received no Grants within the twelvemonth, and still the Schools had to be completely staffed; (2) Grants for two years were paid within the twelve months to New Street School; and (3) For the other large Schools the Grants received were no doubt for twelve months, but were in each case for twelve months which ended with their respective School years some time before 15th May 1879, when the costs of the staffs were different from their cost during the twelve months ending with that date.

Still there are inequalities under this head, as the following figures, taken from Form IX. for the last School year of the various Schools, show:—

	Average Attendance for School Year.	Cost of Staff for same period.	Cost of Staff per Child.
Bristo, ...	808	£1157 3 9	£1 8 7½
Causewayside, . . .	578	1087 3 3	1 17 7¼
Dalry, ...	714	1126 11 10	1 11 6½
Dean, ...	324	496 19 1	1 10 8
Leith Walk, . . .	948	1282 8 11	1 7 0½
New Street, . . .	921	1426 17 0	1 10 11½
Stockbridge, . . .	648	1157 4 3	1 15 8½
West Fountainbridge, .	866	1471 0 3	1 13 11½

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved. It was remitted to the School Work Committee to report regarding the attendance and staffs of the various Schools at the present date.

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Dr. Harvey read the Report of the joint Committees of School Work and Finance as follows:—

REPORT OF JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES ON SCHOOL WORK AND FINANCE.

The Joint-Committees considered the remit to them on the Salaries of the Assistants in all the Schools, and have to recommend that the salaries of the following Assistants be increased to the sums set down after their respective names, the increase to take effect from the dates set forth after the names of the Schools to which the Assistants respectively belong, viz:—

In Bristo School, from 1st October 1879, Mary Ronaldson, £80, Jane Anderson, £70; in St. Leonard's School, from 1st January 1880, Elizabeth Gilchrist, £80, Jane Thallon, £75, Jane Prentice, £70; in West Fountainbridge School, from 1st December 1879, David Duke, £85. The Joint-Committees further recommend that the salary of Jane Gilray, Assistant in Dalry School, be increased to £70, to take effect from the commencement of the quarter in which she shall pass her examination for certificate.

THOS. HARVEY,
Convener of Committee on School Work.

JOHN TAWSE,
Convener of Committee on Finance.

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the following Report upon the applications by parents for children under 13 years of age, to be passed for admission to Evening Classes:—There appeared for examination 24 children, of whom the Committee passed 13; allowed to attend a Class although not passed 10; and refused 1. With those already reported to previous meetings 117 children have this Session been passed for admission to the Evening Classes; 25 allowed to attend Classes although not passed; 2 allowed to attend a day School for half time, and 1 allowed to be taught at home.

The following Report by Mr. Wilson on the Schools in course of erection was read by the chairman:—

REPORT ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

ST. LEONARD'S SCHOOL.

This School is nearly completed. The Painters are engaged in varnishing the wood work. The School will be ready for opening after the New year holidays.

LOTHIAN ROAD SCHOOL.

The Roof is being put on at this School.

CANONMILLS SCHOOL.

The mason work at this School has been stopped on account of the frost. A portion of the walls is built to the wall head, and if the

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weather were favourable the School should be ready for the roof in the course of a few weeks.

ROBT. WILSON, *Architect.*

It was remitted to the visitors of St. Leonard's School to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the new School after the New Year's holidays.

The following Reports by the Compulsory Officer were laid upon the Table, viz. :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending November 29, 1879.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending November 29, ...		3132
Of the above number there are :—		
Dead, ...	3	
Above age, ...	42	
Incurable, ...	1	
Left the City, ...	79	
Removed to other parts of the City, . .	82	
Gone to School, ...	2091	
Absent through Temporary Causes, . .	834	
	——	3132
Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—		
Refractory, ...	5	
Sick, ...	441	
Wanting Clothing, ...	32	
Unable to pay Fees, ...	21	
Considered too young, ...	77	
Absent from want of Accommodation, . .	20	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, . (Fault of Parents, 221 / Fault of Children, 17) .	238	
	——	834

N.B.—Of the 834 Absent, 517 are returned over seven years of age, and 317 under seven.

Of the 461 returned Sick, 49 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough, and 7 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, *5th December* 1879.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 1st November 1879, and not disposed of in previous Report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—4 Parents with 5 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 2; not sent to School 2—Sent to Industrial School 1. Total, ...	5
Carry forward,	5

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Brought forward,	5
To be— *Prosecuted Conditionally.*—1 Parent with 1 Child; who is now regular at School. Total, ...	1
To be— *Delayed.*—6 Parents with 8 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 6—Sent to Mars Ship 1—Sent to Industrial School 1. Total, ...	8
TOTAL, . . .	14

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th December 1879.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Seven Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 6th November and 3d December 1879, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	70	
„ irregular, ...	5	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	7	
„ sick, ...	3	
	—	85
Girls regular, ...	52	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, . . .	1	
	—	53
Total, . .		138

Seven Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	10	
„ irregular, ...	1	
	—	11
Girls regular, ...	11	
„ irregular, ...	2	
	—	13
Total, .		24

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th December 1879.

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The Reports were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Return of School attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, was laid on the table.

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 16 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 8 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Schools for Four Weeks ending 28th November 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th Nov. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Accommodation of Schools at 8 square feet per child.	Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.		Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.													
16 Board Schools, . .	7793	4230	12,023	7086	3759	10,845	6083	3099	9182	9385	85·84	82·17	84·66
9 Roman Catholic Schools,	1634	1224	2,858	1353	952	2,305	1108	732	1840	..	81·15	76·89	79·82
8 Non-Board Schools, .	846	775	1,621	756	717	1,473	647	522	1169	..	85·58	72·8	79·36
19 Heriot Schools, . .	..	..	4,754	..	..	4,496	..	..	4194	..	..	..	93·28
II.—EVENING CLASSES.													
BOARD SCHOOLS.													
Young Men, ...	..	..	593	..	..	401	..	..	288	..	..	..	71·82
Young Women, .	..	..	147	..	..	127	..	..	107	..	..	..	85·03
Heriot's, ...	..	..	..	..	..	1,063	..	..	835	..	..	..	78·55

[*The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.*]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

Mr. Kay moved the following motion of which he had given notice viz.:—"In view of the prevalence of intemperance, and of the fact that the difficulty of working the Compulsory Clause of the Education Act arises largely from this source, special service will be rendered by embracing every seasonable opportunity for impressing upon the children the evils of this debasing vice, and the dangers connected with the use, on the part of the young, of intoxicating drink. The Board will expect that the Masters shall, from time to time, report to them the manner in which they carry out the above instructions."

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Guthrie, and adopted.

A letter from the Clerk of the School Board of Manchester, of date 25th November 1879, enclosing proposed Memorials to the Oxford University Commissioners upon the subject of Scholarships in the University was laid upon the table.

Letter from the Chairman of the School Board of Liverpool, dated 1st

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December 1879 regarding the teaching and Examination of the Pupil Teachers under the Board was remitted to the School Work Committee.

Letters accepting their appointments from Messrs. James Shearer, George C. Pringle, William Bell, Robert Williamson, James Clark, and Miss Marion Calderwood were laid upon the table.

Miss Blyth and Professor Duff were appointed visitors of Fountainbridge School, and Miss Blyth, Mr. Brown Douglas, and Mr. Kay to Victoria Terrace School.

The account of the Income and Expenditure of the Board for the year ended 15th May 1879, and the statement of the Income and Expenditure of the High School for the same period, both signed by the Treasurer, were laid upon the table in duplicate. The Chairman certified those documents, and the Clerk was instructed to transmit them to the Accountant of the Scotch Education Department.

It was agreed to fix the Christmas and New Year holidays of the High School from 3 o'clock P.M., on Friday the 19th December 1879 till 9 o'clock A.M., on Monday the 5th January 1880.

PRIVATE.

Mr. Guthrie read the following report of the Law Committee:—

REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered a disposition prepared by Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., in favour of J. Kirkwood Munro, in terms of a resolution of the Board of date 12th March 1879, of a back-green forming part of St. Leonard's School site, approved the same, and authorised the execution thereof.

It was intimated that an action of Multiplepoinding, in terms of a resolution of the Board of date 12th March 1879, had been raised in the Court of Session at the instance of the School Board in reference to the value of half of a mutual gable at south end of St. Leonard's School site. Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., was instructed to proceed with the action so far as the School Board is interested therein.

In regard to a claim made by Mr. Bryden on account of the shutting up of Logan's Close at North Canongate School, Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., was authorised to settle the claim at a sum not exceeding £80.

CHARLES J. GUTHRIE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, Bailie Tawse dissenting from the resolution to grant the disposition in favour of Mr. Munro as proposed.

The Clerk intimated that he had got the vacancies in the Schools temporarily filled up as follows:—To Causewayside School, Agnes L. Galbraith, at a salary of 20s. per week; to Dean, Annie Taylor, at a salary of 25s. per week; to Deanhaugh Street, James R. Anderson, at a salary of 30s. per week; and to Leith Walk, Joseph W. M'Lean, at a salary of 30s. per week.—*Approved.*

JOHN TAWSE,

Chairman of Meeting of 12th January 1880.

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APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th November* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Nov. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Accommodation of School at 8 square feet per child.	Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.		Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Abbeyhill, ...	450	255	705	370	203	573	336	166	502	450	90·8	81·7	87·6
Bristo, ...	718	376	1094	632	319	951	561	276	837	862	88·7	86·5	88·01
Causewayside, . . .	625	333	958	586	290	876	496	246	742	637	84·6	84·8	84·7
Dalry, ...	757	411	1168	724	401	1125	605	317	922	848	83·5	79·	81·06
Dean, ...	265	169	434	238	140	378	201	125	326	419	84·4	89·2	86·24
Deanhaugh Street, . .	234	150	384	214	138	352	178	119	297	322	83·1	86·2	84·37
Fountainbridge, . . .	281	167	448	261	163	424	209	116	325	233	80·	71·1	76·65
Leith Walk, . . .	839	424	1263	755	366	1121	656	281	937	1015	86·8	76·7	83·58
New Street, ...	676	307	983	588	268	856	491	230	721	782	83·5	85·7	84·22
North Canongate, . . .	759	244	1003	688	218	906	567	171	738	1053	82·4	78·4	81·45
Roseburn, ...	51	67	118	54	60	114	47	53	100	144	87·	88·3	87·71
St. Leonard's, . . .	627	372	999	574	335	909	499	271	770	612	86·9	80·8	84·7
Stockbridge, . . .	526	297	823	504	283	787	473	244	717	623	93·8	86·2	91·1
Victoria Terrace, . . .	...	101	101	...	83	83	...	66	66	160	...	79·51	79·51
West Fountainbridge, . .	770	377	1147	738	360	1098	633	307	940	931	85·7	85·2	85·61
West Port, ...	215	180	395	160	132	292	131	111	242	294	81·8	84·	82·87
TOTAL,	7793	4230	12,023	7086	3759	10,845	6083	3099	9182	9385	85·84	82·17	84·66
Corresponding period last year,	6392	4023	10,415	5885	3628	9513	5068	2972	8040		86·11	81·91	84·51

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APPENDIX No. II.

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th Nov.* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Nov. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	165	212	377	143	150	293	130	132	262	90·9	88·	89·41
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	217	191	408	202	163	365	168	120	288	83·1	73·6	78·9
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls, .	262	...	262	195	...	195	168	...	168	86·6	...	86·6
,, ,, Infants,	...	343	343	...	273	273	...	200	200	...	73·26	73·26
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	293	304	597	245	230	475	162	153	315	66·1	66·5	66·31
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	346	...	346	258	...	258	220	...	220	85·27	...	85·27
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	171	...	171	167	...	167	129	...	129	77·24	...	77·24
,, ,, Girls, .	180	...	180	143	...	143	131	...	131	91·6	...	91·6
,, ,, Infants, .	...	174	174	...	136	136	...	127	127	...	93·38	93·38
TOTAL,	1634	1224	2858	1353	952	2305	1108	732	1840	81·15	76·89	79·82
Corresponding period last Session,			Not	compl	ete							

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APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at Eight* NON-BOARD SCHOOLS *for Four Weeks ending 28th November* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Nov. 1879.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	140	172	312	130	152	282	112	125	237	86·1	82·2	84·04
Canongate Society, ...	125	...	125	107	...	107	93	...	93	86·91	...	86·91
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	170	136	306	169	118	287	143	84	227	84·6	71·1	79·09
Greenside, Girls, ...	81	...	81	64	...	64	51	...	51	79·68	...	79·68
Pleasance Territorial, ...	...	205	205	...	194	194	...	141	141	...	72·68	72·68
Trinity Episcopal, ...	204	262	466	164	253	417	129	172	301	78·6	67·9	72·18
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, . . .	80	...	80	77	...	77	74	...	74	96·1	...	96·1
Royal Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	45	...	45	45	...	45	100·	...	100·
TOTAL,	846	775	1621	756	717	1473	647	522	1169	85·58	72·8	79·36
Corresponding period last Session for seven Schools, . . .	873	561	1434	805	486	1291	699	385	1084	86·83	79·21	83·96

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APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES *for Five Weeks ending 27th November* 1879.

	Enrolled since School opened in September last.	Average No. on Roll for Five Weeks ending 27th November 1879.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's, ...	103	67	52	77·61
2. New Street, ...	58	37	29	78·37
Do. (Pupils under 13), ...	65	47	38	80·85
3. Leith Walk, ...	122	79	54	68·35
4. Stockbridge, ...	84	57	31	54·38
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	80	58	39	67·24
6. Dalry, ...	81	56	45	80·35
	593	401	288	71·82
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	100	85	74	87·05
2. Stockbridge, ...	47	42	33	78·57
	147	127	107	85·03
TOTAL (Male and Female), . .	740	528	395	74·81

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APPENDIX No. V.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS *on 20th November* 1879.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	320	294	...	4	5	...
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	322	304	...	12	5	...
3. High School Yards, .	330	336	304	...	3	7	...
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	314	295	...	8	6	...
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	310	284	...	11	7	...
6. Brown Square, . .	240	238	220	...	3	7	...
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	327	306	...	12	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	254	236	...	4	5	4
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	320	294	...	4	7	12
10. Davie Street, . .	320	322	299	...	6	6	5
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	286	276	...	13	3	...
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	334	315	...	7	4	12
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. Rose Street, . . .	170	108	113	...	86	5	...
14. Broughton, . . .	160	105	113	...	69	6	...
15. Victoria Street, . .	180	175	152	...	69	8	...
16. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	136	120	...	88	6	...
17. Davie Street, . .	180	143	139	...	79	5	41
18. Stockbridge, . . .	200	146	130	...	68	10	...
	4754	4496	4194	...	546	6	74

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APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll and in Attendance at* GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL EVENING CLASSES *on 20th November* 1879.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
SPECIAL CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic,	87	67	...
2. Mathematics,	17	11	8
3. History and Geography,	23	17	2
Broughton Street—			
4. Writing and Book-keeping,	62	51	...
5. Shorthand,	60	41	19
Rose Street—			
6. English Grammar and Composition,	39	30	3
7. French,	62	57	2
8. German,	17	13	1
Old Assembly Close—			
9. Architectural Drawing,	53	43	4
10. Freehand Drawing,	62	52	8
FOR FEMALES.			
Broughton Street—			
11. Writing and Book-keeping,	58	47	...
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
12. High School Yards,	150	109	34
13. Heriot Bridge,	148	107	25
14. Rose Street,	120	110	...
FOR FEMALES.			
15. Cowgate Port,	105	80	15
	1063	835	121

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REPORTS BY EXAMINERS.

I.—*Report of the Examination of the High School of Edinburgh in the Classical Department, by* PROFESSOR ROBERTS, *St. Andrews.*

TO THE SECRETARY, SCHOOL BOARD, EDINBURGH.

SIR,—I beg through you to report to the Edinburgh School Board that I examined the Royal High School in the Department of Classics on July 2d. I had an opportunity of observing the character of the teaching, as well as of testing for myself the attainments of the pupils. I found the Rector supported by a very able staff of Masters, and the teaching sound, intelligent, and energetic throughout. Great pains are taken to inculcate essential principles both in Greek and Latin, and while an excellent foundation for Scholarship in thus laid, the instruction given is also rendered most valuable as a means of mental discipline. I had the utmost pleasure and satisfaction in conducting the examination.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for remarking that, when a passage was set for translation into Latin Prose, the boys of the Fifth and Sixth Classes had to remove to the writing class-room, owing to the want of suitable desks in their own class-rooms. This, I understand, happens habitually, and the classes accordingly suffer considerable derangement. The evil might easily be remedied by the introduction of proper desks into the several class-rooms.

ALEX. ROBERTS,
Professor of Humanity.

UNIVERSITY, ST. ANDREWS,
July 4, 1879.

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II.—*Report on Examination of the High School of Edinburgh in French, German, and Mathematics, by* J. KIRKPATRICK, Esq., Advocate, *Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, 10*th July* 1879.

GENTLEMEN,—Having at your request examined the classes of the Royal High School in French and German on the 7th inst., and in Mathematics on the 9th inst., I now beg to submit to you the following Report.

FRENCH.

I examined each of the following classes orally, devoting about three-quarters of an hour to each, and questioned nearly every pupil in each class.

Fifth Classical Class.—Most of the pupils in this class, as I was informed, had been learning French for about four years, usually receiving five lessons weekly, but several of them for about two years only. Most of them understood well when addressed by their master in French, and a number of them answered fairly in that language. Several pages of "*Le Henriade*" were read and translated intelligently by the class, and all the easier grammatical questions were answered readily and accurately. As worthy of honourable mention I may enumerate—

Beaumont, Cooper, Freeman, Langwill, Macmichael, Mein, Scott, J. Tod, and D. Tod.

Fifth Modern Class.—The boys in this class, with some exceptions, have been taught French for three years, usually receiving five lessons weekly. They were questioned, and in some cases answered readily and correctly, in French. The class translated several passages from the "*Reader,*" and was examined on different parts of the Grammar, with which they appeared quite familiar. Honourable mention—

Bogle, Gibb, Jack, Johnston, Keir, Robb, J. D. Thomson, W. Thomson, Turnbull, and Wilson.

Fourth Classical Class.—The pupils of this class, most of whom have learned French about five times weekly for three years, were

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also questioned in French, and answered all ordinary grammatical questions with readiness and accuracy. They read several passages from French poets and prose writers, and a few of them (Latta in particular) pronounced well. Honourable mention—

Anderson, Burns, Capper, Cowan, Cullen, Elliot, Gibson, Latta, Mackay, and Walker.

Fourth Modern Class.—This class has been learning French for about the same time as the two last mentioned. Some of the boys translated English into French intelligently and accurately, and almost all translated French into English, and answered grammatical questions fairly well. Honourable mention—

Gibb, Lawrie, Macfarlane, Nobbs, Smith, Stobo, J. Wright, and T. Wright.

The result of the French Examination was on the whole satisfactory. The boys have evidently been thoroughly grounded in the grammar, and well taught in every respect. Their pronunciation was less satisfactory, but this I attribute entirely to the great difficulty of teaching very large and mixed classes, and not to any shortcoming on the part of their able and zealous Master. The discipline of all the classes was excellent.

GERMAN.

I examined each of the following classes orally for about three-quarters of an hour, and eighteen of the senior pupils by written paper also.

Sixth Classical Class.—The pupils in this class, as I was informed, have received three German lessons weekly for nearly two years. They read and translated several passages from German authors, and translated English sentences into German with accuracy and intelligence. With almost every part of the grammar they appeared quite conversant, and they understood all ordinary questions addressed to them in German. Honourable mention—

Burnet, Gibson, Gulland, Maclachlan, and Wilson.

Fifth Classical Class.—This class, which has been learning German three hours weekly since October 1878, acquitted itself very satisfactorily. Almost all the boys translated German into English, and answered grammatical questions readily and correctly, and understood well when addressed in German; and several of

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them translated idiomatic English sentences into German. Honourable mention—

Connel, Cooper, Faill, Kirkpatrick, Littlejohn, Maclean, Macmichael, Mein, Scott, Tod, and Wilson.

Fourth Modern Class.—This class, which has had five lessons weekly since October last, also acquitted itself satisfactorily. Most of the boys understood readily when questioned in German, translated German into English, and English into German correctly, and answered grammatical questions intelligently. Honourable mention—

Bruce, Dalgleish, Gibb, Lawrie, Macfarlane, Nobbs, Smith, Stobo, J. Wright, and T. Wright.

Written Paper.—Eighteen boys of the Senior German Classes were allowed three-quarters of an hour to answer a German paper of considerable length, including many grammatical questions, twelve sentences to translate from English into German, and two passages from Schiller's "*Maria Stuart*," to translate into English. Of the hundred marks allowed for this paper, I awarded 77 to *C. Wilson* for his excellent answers, and 63 to *J. M'Lachlan.* Several of the others were good, considering the shortness of the time allowed, and *W. M. Teape* deserves honourable mention for the neatness of his German handwriting.

The pronunciation of the boys in all the German Classes was fair, and in some cases very good, and their discipline excellent. On the whole, the result of the German Examination was very satisfactory. These classes have evidently been thoroughly well taught, and most of the boys seemed thoroughly interested in their work. I was specially struck with the proficiency they had all attained after so short a course of tuition.

MATHEMATICS.

I examined the following classes in Mathematics, devoting about one hour to each.

Sixth Classical Class.—This small and well-trained class was examined on the properties of the parabola, with which all the pupils seemed quite familiar, and in Elementary Trigonometry, the objects and application of which they thoroughly understood and intelligently explained. That they had all been well grounded in

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Euclid's Geometry was apparent from their readiness in applying its principles. Several quadratic equations were solved quickly and accurately by nearly the whole class.

Fifth Classical Class.—This class was examined in the first six books of Euclid, Algebra, and Arithmetic. Several of the boys demonstrated the propositions with great clearness and intelligence, using in some cases both Euclid's method and others. Several exercises on the first and third books were solved by almost the whole class with ease and accuracy. The whole class was also examined in quadratic and other equations, and gave clear explanations of the different algebraical operations.

Fourth Classical Class.—The subjects of examination were the first three books of Euclid, Algebra up to simple equations, and the whole of Arithmetic. In each of these the class acquitted itself satisfactorily, and all the boys worked out several questions in proportion very quickly and correctly.

The Sixth, Fifth, and Fourth Modern Classes were examined together. With every part of Arithmetic they were thoroughly conversant, while the senior boys showed an accurate acquaintance with the first six books of Euclid. As in the other classes, the reason and meaning of every operation was explained by the boys examined.

These classes are in a very satisfactory condition. I was much struck with the admirable clearness and precision with which the Master explained every Mathematical operation, while his pupils seemed thoroughly to appreciate his mode of instruction—nothing was done by rote—for everything a reason was given. The mystery of "carrying" in Arithmetic, and the haze surrounding the "rule of three," were thoroughly dispelled; and the apparent aimlessness of many of Euclid's propositions, and the seeming abstruseness of sine and cosine, tangent and cotangent, were lucidly explained. The pupils have been most successfully taught to use their reasoning powers instead of merely to tax their memories. To this truly scientific, and in some respects entirely new mode of teaching, I attribute the satisfactory and gratifying results attained by the Master in this department. The discipline of the classes was very good, and the pupils appeared really interested in their work.—I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient Servant,

J. KIRKPATRICK.

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III.—*Report of the Examination of the High School of Edinburgh in English Literature, by* Professor Masson, *Edinburgh.*

Having visited the High School on the 4th of the present month, and spent the day in observing the work of the six English Classes under the charge of Dr. Ross, I beg leave to report as follows :—

The classes came before me in the order of their usual times of meeting. First there was the Fifth Class on the Classical side of the school, containing about 48 pupils. The lesson here consisted of the reading of a scene from *The Tempest*, with questions as to the meaning of passages, the etymology of words, grammatical constructions, the verse, and related points of English literary history. Next came the Fifth and Sixth Classes on the Modern side, taken together. There were about 34 in all present, of whom I understood that 7 belonged to the higher class. The examination here, with Freeman's text-book for the basis, was in European History through the time of Louis XIV., the range of the questions geographically extending from Spain to Cyprus. To these classes succeeded the Sixth or highest English on the Classical side, numbering 16 pupils. They read a passage of some length from Chaucer's *Knightes Tale*, first with the archaic pronunciation, and then more freely; and the questions which followed, linguistic and literary, were of the kind proper to the highest reach of English teaching in a public school. The Fourth Class on the Modern side next appeared. There were present 45 pupils, out of 53 on the roll; and I heard ten short English essays read aloud by ten of the boys, and afterwards took the manuscripts into my hands for inspection. There succeeded the Fourth Class on the Classical side, which is Dr. Ross's lowest on that side, and has, I believe, 60 boys on the roll. They read *Lycidas* through, and were questioned not only on verbal and grammatical points, but also on the occasion and history of the poem and the life of the poet. Finally, the Fourth Class on the Modern side reappeared, for an examination in the portion of Freeman's text-book they had been recently reading. The subjects were the Frankish Empire, the Caliphate, and the early mediæval relations between the East and the West. Geographical knowledge was tested, as well as acquaintance with personages and events.

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In each class I asked Dr. Ross to conduct the lesson in his own way, that I might note the style of the teaching as well as the results; but I put such questions myself as occurred to me, and I suggested to Dr. Ross at several points the directions I wished his questions to take.

From all I saw, I have again to express my belief that the English teaching in the High School is in a thoroughly satisfactory state, and does justice to the best expectations that have been formed of what may be done with and through English in fit hands in the general system of such a metropolitan academy. In the matter of the amount of miscellaneous information, historical, geographical, and philological, that may be conveyed by means of English lessons, Dr. Ross's English teaching may be described as unusually "full-bodied;" while in the more special matters of drill in grammatical accuracy, instruction in the history of the English vocabulary and of English accidence, and the cultivation of literary taste and an interest in literature, there is ample evidence of continued success.

In former Reports, if I remember rightly, I expressed my sense of the particular importance, in English classes, of the practice of reading aloud with good elocution, and the practice also of a habit of neat and business-like readiness in written English. In this Examination I was much pleased with the readings in the various classes, and I had the impression even of a perceptible general improvement in the matter of reading. My opportunity of judging of the attention paid to English Composition in the various classes was through the ten little essays which I heard read by ten of the boys of the Fourth Class on the Modern side, and which I afterwards looked at in manuscript. They were very creditable indeed as specimens of English,—some of them spirited and lively; and my glance over the manuscripts gave me the impression of general neatness in the form, correctness of spelling, and very fair notions of punctuation. This class, it is to be remembered, is on the Modern side of the school, and is the least advanced on that side of those examined by me. Corresponding proficiency in English Composition in the Upper Classes would be an excellent merit, and is to be inferred.

May I be permitted a concluding remark with reference to this very matter of regular practice of all the classes in writing English? The present accommodations of the English Class-room

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in the High School are hardly fitted for the purpose. The seats and the writing benches are not what they should be for classes which it is desirable to resolve at any moment into a number of boys engaged individually in doing their best on an English paper.

DAVID MASSON.

EDINBURGH, *July* 12, 1879.

IV.—*Report of the Examination of the High School of Edinburgh on the three Junior Classes, by* JAMES DONALDSON, *Rector.*

HIGH SCHOOL, *July* 19, 1879.

I HAVE examined the three lower classes of the High School in English Spelling and Composition, in Geography, History, Latin, French, and Arithmetic.

In conducting this examination, I thought it might be interesting to keep in view the requirements of the Scotch Code, and accordingly, in testing the First Class, I had in my mind the work of the Fourth Standard, in testing the Second, that of the Fifth, and in testing the Third that of the Sixth. Of course allowance must be made for the differences that exist between an ordinary Primary School, and such a school as the High School. In the latter, every boy in the First Class has to grapple with two specific subjects besides his ordinary work, and he does a good deal more of ordinary work than is prescribed in the Code. There is also no special cramming for the examination. In the Second and Third Classes of the High School, each pupil must take three specific subjects in addition to the work of the pass.

In spelling, I found that the First Class did not do well. Scarcely more than a half reached a point of accuracy which I could deem satisfactory. This is partly to be accounted for, by the circumstance that some parents prefer to send their children young to the school, that they may be two years in the First Class. In the Second Class the results were much more satisfactory. Only two or three failed, and they were only one or two marks below the standard of success. In the Third Class the results were

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eminently satisfactory. I prescribed for its pupils a letter on a subject on which they had never written before, and most of them gave me letters, remarkable for the beauty of the penmanship, the accuracy of the spelling, and the correctness and neatness of the composition. A very large number had no mistakes in spelling or punctuation. All would have easily passed the Sixth Standard except two. These were not much below the mark, and knowing the boys as I do, I do not think that they could have been brought to do so well as they did without the most careful and skilful training.

I was pleased to find a considerable improvement in geography, but I was specially pleased with the marked improvement in history. In the three classes most of the boys answered well. In the First Class there were two boys who failed to make much of the questions, in the Second there were three close approaches to failure, and there were five in the Third Class who did not do well. All, however, did something, and some, especially in the Third Class, were remarkably good. I was much struck with the circumstance that there was very little confusion of men, time, and place in the answers—very much less than I generally find in historical papers. The pupils either gave the right answer or they gave none. They were able also to deal intelligently with Acts and Laws. They nearly all gave an accurate account of the Habeas Corpus Act, and most of them of the Bill of Rights and similar documents.

In French the results are satisfactory. Only two or three papers out of both classes would deserve the appellation of bad, and most of them were very good. The teacher pursues a method which has invariably produced good results at examinations. He gives the pupils just such an amount of work as even the slowest can thoroughly master if he takes a little pains, and as it is necessarily to a large extent an effort of memory, the matter may be retained and given forth with great accuracy. At all events, in these French papers, translations from English into French and French into English are both given with great precision.

In Latin I tried the pupils of the three classes in Latin Composition. This is the severest test that could be applied to them, and indeed so difficult of attainment is strict accuracy in Latin Composition, that I think boys of average ability cannot reach it without an expenditure of time and energy which the result can

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scarcely justify. In boys of average ability only a moderate success is to be expected with the time that can be spared for the exercise.

The boys of the First Class did remarkably well in their translations from English into Latin. They had evidently been thoroughly grounded, and most of the mistakes committed arose from failure to notice the exact force of the English, not from ignorance of the forms of inflection. The Second Class also presents a very high average of excellence, but there are more failures. These, however, are, I have no doubt, the exercises of boys who, being well up in English and Arithmetic, and older than the others, have been admitted into the Second Class, though considerably behind in Latin. Dr. Cranstoun reports to me that these boys have worked well and made great progress, though labouring under great disadvantages owing to their previous training.

The Third Class makes a very creditable appearance in Latin Composition. The average on the whole is very high, and there are few whose exercises are bad.

The Second Class was examined in Roman History and the geography of Italy, and the Third in Greek History and the geography of Greece, but as the time I allowed for the paper was too short, I cannot form an accurate estimate. I think, however, that there is room for improvement in this department, and that a greater stimulus must be applied to the boys in connection with these subjects.

In Arithmetic the First Class does remarkably well. Some clear the entire paper, and all but five do a large number of the questions accurately. The five are, I think, exceptionally young pupils.

The Second Class is also remarkably accurate in the answers to the questions. I think the whole class, with one exception, would pass the Fifth Standard, and probably that pupil might have been brought to the passing point, if he had been specially prepared.

The Third Class was tried by a standard considerably more difficult than that of the Sixth Standard. The results here are not so satisfactory. The intelligence is brought greatly into play in dealing with questions in Compound Proportion or Interest, or similar practical operations. If the pupil cannot readily apply his mind to disentangling the apparently confused elements of the

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problem, he is sure to fail. And accordingly, in examining schools I find that failures here are most frequent. The Third Class of the High School has proved no exception to the general rule. Two failed entirely. A considerable number adopted wrong methods, and accordingly got wrong results. A large number did well, but few were able to answer nearly all the questions. The time may have been too short; but even if allowance is made for this, I think the results might have been better if special attention were paid to the intellectual apprehension of the problems involved in the questions. Even those who failed showed that they had had great practice and skill in mere reckoning.

I have been much assisted in my examination by Mr. Arnot, and the Masters of the various classes.

JAMES DONALDSON, *Rector.*

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REPORTS by REV. JAMES CURRIE, Rector of the Church of Scotland Normal School, and by MAURICE PATERSON, Esq., Rector of the Free Church Normal School, on Religious Instruction in Edinburgh Board Schools.

I.—REPORTS BY THE REV. MR. CURRIE.

Stockbridge School.

THERE were present in this school on the day of my visit 716 children, of whom upwards of one-third (250) were in the Infant Department.

Infants.—These were working in three divisions. The *Youngest* (32) consisted of pupils who had joined school too recently to be subjected to examination. The *Middle* (32) under charge of an assistant-teacher, professed for repetition—one hymn, Par. 37, the Beatitudes, and a selection of texts from Scripture; for Scripture Knowledge, stories from Genesis, and the early Life of our Lord. The repetition was performed with satisfactory correctness and promptitude, both individually and simultaneously, the texts being arranged (with good effect as a help to the memory), so as to form a sort of Scripture Alphabet. The examination on the early Life of our Lord, conducted by the teacher, gave evidence on her part of an interesting and efficient method of instruction. The *Senior* division professed for repetition—Ps. 121, Par. 37, a Hymn, the Beatitudes, selected texts, and the Ten Commandments; and for Scripture Knowledge, Bible Stories principally from Genesis, and the early Life of our Lord. Their appearance on both parts of

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their profession satisfied me that both instruction and drill are carried on with much vigour. Nevertheless there was an inequality in the answering, both in substance and in expression, which suggested that better results would be obtained if this large section were broken up into two parts for the purposes of religious teaching.

STANDARDS I. AND II., present 185, professed for repetition—Ps. 23, 121, 130, Par. 2, 4, 11, the Ten Commandments, and Questions 100-107; for Scripture Knowledge, outlines of the Book of Genesis, with the Life of Joseph more particularly, and the early Life of our Lord, with an account of some of his Miracles. Boys and girls were examined separately. The girls (88) did their repetition intelligently and well. Their Scripture Knowledge was tested by an examination on the narrative of the Life of Joseph conducted partly by the teacher and partly by myself; the results were good, the answering being general over the class, and throughout keen and intelligent. The teacher of the class (a pupil-teacher in her fifth year) performs her work quietly, but pleasantly and effectively. The boys (87) were in charge of a pupil-teacher in his fourth year. Their repetition was on the whole satisfactory, their answering on the meaning and history of the Commandments more particularly so; though there was a noticeable tendency to speak in too low a tone. Their Scripture Knowledge was tested by examination on some of our Lord's miracles. If their answering was not quite equal to that of the girls, there was still evidence that they had gone over the ground with care. I was glad to learn that the instruction had been specially supervised and supplemented by the Head-master.

STANDARD III., present 114, professed for repetition—Ps. 121, 130, Par. 11, 27, Isaiah liii., Luke i. 46-55, Shorter Catechism, Questions 39-82. The parts of this profession which I heard, viz.—Ps. 130, Par. 11, and the whole of the chapter from Isaiah, had been well committed, and questions on the sense were very fairly answered. They offered for Scripture Knowledge—the Old Testament narrative from the birth of Moses to the conquest of Canaan, and, from the New Testament, the Gospel of St. Matthew. The examination turned on the Old Testament narrative from the crossing of the Red Sea onwards, the incidents taken up being the song of Moses, the murmurings at Marah and Rephidim, and in

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the Wilderness of Sin, the battle at Rephidim, the giving of the Law, the golden calf, and the sending of the spies. The examination over this ground was conducted by the teacher in charge (a certificated assistant), with clearness and firmness, and amidst the entire attention of the class; and it brought out on the part of the latter a satisfactory knowledge of the subject. Time did not permit of examination on their New Testament profession, the Gospel of St. Matthew; I should say, however, that it is not a sufficiently definite profession (as it can hardly be the entire gospel that is meant), and that it does not stand in sufficiently clear relation to the profession of the following Standard. The class made a very good appearance on the Shorter Catechism, both as to its text and its meaning. I have to add that this Standard receives its instruction ordinarily in two sections, though they were brought together for the purpose of this examination. This entitles its appearance to be considered all the more satisfactory.

STANDARD IV., with 85 pupils present, professed for repetition—Ps. 98, 130, Par. 11, 27, 30, Isaiah xxxv. John xv. and Shorter Catechism, Questions 39-107. From this extensive profession I selected Ps. 98, Par. 30, and John xv.; which were recited by the class as a whole with very creditable correctness and promptitude. For Scripture Knowledge they had studied the narrative of Israel under Joshua, and the Judges, and the Parables and Discourses in the first three Gospels. Their examination in the Old Testament showed a good and general knowledge of the events of the history, earlier and later, under Joshua; they named the principal Parables of our Lord readily, and indicated their import; and in the one selected for more detailed notice (the good Samaritan), showed that they had creditably mastered the story and its meaning. Less satisfactory was their answering on the Sermon on the Mount; their hold of it was not sufficient. The work of this Standard taken altogether proceeds in a very satisfactory way. The instruction is well-considered and clear; the attitude of the class one of attention and interest.

STANDARDS V., VI., AND EX. VI., numbering 92 present. These three Standards have to a great extent been instructed on common ground, and were therefore so far examined together. Their profession for repetition was Ps. 46, 90, 98, 130, and 145,

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(2d version), with Ps. 40 and 95, in addition for the more advanced pupils; Par. 4, 27, 30, 39, 54; Romans viii. 1-20, with iv. 21-39 added for the seniors; Shorter Catechism, the whole, with proofs of Questions 1-45, added for the Seniors, as a voluntary exercise; Ps. 119 for the Seniors. The parts of this profession that I heard, viz., Ps. 145, Par. 30, 54, and Shorter Catechism, Question 82 and onwards, were repeated in a style that left little to be desired. On the Catechism there was much intelligent answering. The voluntary exercise, Ps. 119—an exercise more common in Schools in the olden time than now—was performed, if not with perfect fluency, at any rate in a way which showed that it had been made the subject of serious and careful work. For Scripture Knowledge, the combined Standards professed Samuel I. and II.; of which they showed a good knowledge. The mutual questioning by members of the section, which seems to be habitually practised, and of which I had a specimen, serves the purpose of securing, in its own way, that the attention of all is directed to more out-of-the-way points in the narrative, as well as to those which are most prominent. The remainder of the time I had at disposal for examining this highest department of the School was devoted to the New Testament work of Standards VI., and Ex. VI., which was the Acts of the Apostles (History and Geography included). Forty pupils took part in the exercise. The parts selected for examination were the work and death of Stephen, and the second Missionary journey of the Apostle Paul. The examination was successful. There was ready and general response to all questions that had for their aim to bring out the sequence of facts in the history, showing that teacher and class had made excellent use of their time. If there was any defect, it was in the answering to questions that required reflection on what they knew. But bearing in mind that the school in its present shape has been working at its programme for only the latter half of the session, I have no difficulty in saying that the appearance of these Standards was highly satisfactory.

The staff of this large School has been entirely, or almost entirely changed during the currency of the session, a fact that had to be kept in view in estimating its present state. I had occasion in my last report to express a very high opinion of the efficiency of the whole school. I have now to say that—so far

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as it falls to me to report upon it—it continues to maintain its position. Its performance has been very satisfactory; and I believe that with the consolidation which the lapse of another year will bring it will be still more so.

New Street School.

There were present in this School on the day of my visit 794; of whom 322 were in the Infant School, and 472 in the Upper School.

Infant School.—This school carries on its work in two departments, a junior and a senior. The *Junior* (159), under charge of a mistress, professed for repetition—Ps. 23, Par. 2, a few Hymns, and Scripture Texts; for Scripture Knowledge—stories from Genesis and the early Life of Moses, together with the early Life of Jesus, and incidents in the Life of John the Baptist. The repetition was given correctly and distinctly, and was shared in by all parts of the class: a more advanced section wrote a text on their slates. The lesson given by the teacher on the birth of Jesus showed a very good idea of what such teaching should be, though the performance fell somewhat short of the idea; the answering elicited being by no means general. Even with perfect discipline, I should doubt the expediency of attempting to carry on the instruction of so large a number of such children together. The *Senior* section (163), comprising children in Standards I. and II., under charge of an assistant mistress, professed for repetition—Par. 37, 41, 58, 66, Scripture Texts, and the Ten Commandments; for Bible-Knowledge—the narrative of the Lives of Samuel and Elijah. For repetition Par. 37, a selection of texts, and the Commandments were chosen. The appearance made by the section was very satisfactory; the extent to which their intelligence is exercised on the passages committed being very noticeable. The lesson given by the teacher on the story of Elijah was listened to with marked attention; and, both in its method and in its results, was very successful. This section was examined under considerable disadvantages. Ordinarily taught in two parts, it

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was examined collectively. Its principal teacher has lately moved to another school under the Board. So much the more credit is due to the younger teacher actually in charge. She had the entire section thoroughly in hand, and quite sustained its attention and interest throughout both parts of its exercise.

Upper School.—STANDARD I., with 144 pupils present, professed for repetition—Ps. 23, Par. 33, 54, a number of Texts, and the Ten Commandments; for Bible Knowledge—the Lives of Joseph and Moses, and the early Life of Jesus. Their repetition was creditably accurate, and joined in by the class as a whole; whilst they showed a very fair understanding of the sense of what they had learned, particularly of the Decalogue. A lesson on the life of Joseph was given by the teacher to very good purpose. Whilst it elicited on the part of the pupils a very satisfactory knowledge of the facts in the narrative, it directed their attention on every suitable opportunity to their practical bearing. It was at once interesting, impressive, and useful. This Standard, though occupying a room by itself, is too large to be ordinarily instructed as one class: I was glad to know that it is, for the most part, subdivided into three for its religious instruction, the teacher having two pupil-teachers to assist her.

STANDARD II., comprising Classes VII. and VII^2 of the school, with 71 pupils present, is under immediate charge of a pupil-teacher in her fourth year. It professed for Bible Knowledge—the lives of Abraham and Joseph, and the Life of Christ; but was examined in its memory-work alone. This comprised Ps. 41, 93; Par. 20, 54, 60; and Shorter Catechism, Questions 1-30 for Class VII^2, and 63-81 for Class VII. The two Psalms and the Paraphrase which were selected were given correctly, though on the whole, with too rapid an utterance; and were satisfactorily explained by a fair number of the section. The pupils showed themselves well acquainted with the parts of the Shorter Catechism which they professed. I was again reminded, however, of the necessity of a certain amount of close supervision in the case of pupil-teachers entrusted with Religious Instruction.

STANDARD III., Class VI. of the school, with 32 present, under charge of a pupil-teacher in her fourth year, professed for repetition—Ps. 51, 124; Par. 66; and Shorter Catechism 45-62. It was examined, however, only in its Bible Knowledge, which com-

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prised the Book of Judges, Esther, and Acts, Chaps. i.-xii. The part of the Scripture Narrative specially selected was the story of Gideon; on which the answering was satisfactory. The teacher acquitted herself well. If on some points the questioning was not sufficiently searching, she still conducted her lesson in an orderly and intelligent way; and, in the result, gave evidence of having carried her class carefully over the ground.

STANDARD III., being Class V. of the school, with 65 pupils present, is under charge of the principal assistant master. It offered for memory-work—Ps. 24, 90; Par. 3, 39; and Shorter Catechism Questions 40-107; for Bible Knowledge, the Books of Judges and Esther, with the Life of St. Paul. The passages chosen for repetition—Ps. 24, 90; and Questions 82 and onwards—were said correctly and fluently, and explained very fairly by a considerable proportion of the Standard; but the utterance was in many cases too quick. For examination in Bible Knowledge the Life of St. Paul was chosen. The teaching was interesting, well-informed, and vigorous; though it was tolerant of simultaneous answering, to such a degree as to throw the answering virtually into the hands of a very limited number of the pupils. Those who took an independent part in the answering showed a very good and ready knowledge of the subject of the apostle's conversion and missionary journeys.

STANDARD III., comprising Classes III. and IV. of the school, and having 76 present, was examined by the master, though the daily instruction is devolved immediately on two pupil-teachers. It offered for repetition—Ps. 15, 25, 40, 103-138; Par. 11, 25, 46; a selection from the Book of Proverbs; and Shorter Catechism, Questions 1-40; for Bible Knowledge, Kings i., ii. 1-10; the Parables of Christ, and Acts i.-xii. From their memory-work, the part selected for examination was the Catechism and the Proverbs; and on this they answered not only with fluency and correctness, but with intelligence. They likewise showed themselves to be fairly well acquainted with the Parables. Their power of connected expression was perhaps not great; but they showed themselves, in their own way, acquainted both with the story and the meaning of the Parables selected. Some of the pupils answered very well.

STANDARDS IV. V., comprising 84 present, and under charge of

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a mistress and advanced pupil-teacher for their Religious Instruction, were examined together over the ground which was common to both. For repetition they offered the Shorter Catechism entire, a selection from Proverbs, and eleven Psalms and Paraphrases, between the two Standards; for Bible Knowledge the History of the Kingdoms of Judah and Israel, Acts, chaps. i.-xii. (for Standard IV.), and chaps. xiii.-xxviii. (for Standard V.) Both standards were able to quote freely and correctly from the Book of Proverbs, and both answered very satisfactorily in an examination on the text and meaning of the Catechism, from Question 82 onwards. A number of the pupils were able to bring the teaching in our Lord's Parables to bear on the illustration of such questions as those on Repentance, Faith, and Prayer. Their teacher questioned them on the narratives of the separation of the Kingdoms and the reign of Ahab quietly and solidly, with the result of eliciting very good and general answering. My own examination on the Book of Acts led me to form an equally favourable opinion of the care and thoroughness with which their New Testament instruction had been given. Bearing in mind that this class had suffered a good deal from the shifting of its pupils, and that it was really but the remains of the class which had been at work during the earlier part of the Session, I ought to say that its appearance was specially creditable.

This school occupies a somewhat different position from most of the other schools of the Board. It is attended by a lower class of children; and it has to contend with irregular attendance on the part of the children, and with indifference on the part of the parents in more than the usual degree. That a certain amount of inequality should be observable in the results of its working is nothing more than might be expected. The result over the whole testifies to great care, and labour, and ability, on the part of the master and his assistants, in conducting the Religious Instruction of the school.

Bristo School.

There were present in this School on the day of my visit in all 907, of whom there were in the Infant School 248, in the Upper School 659.

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Infant School.—I found this department working in three divisions. The *youngest* consisted of mere beginners (39), whose school-attendance of from a fortnight to a month did not qualify them for any examination. The *middle* division (85) offered for repetition—what may be said to be the usual profession for such a class—The Lord's Prayer, Ps. 23, Par. 2, one or two Hymns, and a limited number of Texts from Scripture (in this case 9). The children repeated the several parts of this profession with creditable correctness and fluency, but with hardly sufficient intelligence. Their Scripture Knowledge included the narrative in the early part of Genesis, and the birth and childhood of our Lord. I should have expected more. The topic selected for lesson was "Jesus found in the temple among the doctors." This was given by the teacher in a lively and intelligent way; though the order and attention of the children were not all that might be desired. The *Senior* division, consisting partly of "Standard" children, and numbering 124, professed for repetition Ps. 23, Par. 2, six hymns, a large number of Scripture texts, and the Ten Commandments. For Scripture Knowledge, it had gone over the principal incidents in the Book of Genesis and the early part of Exodus; and from the New Testament, the Birth and early Life of our Lord, together with a number of his miracles and the story of his death. The repetition was highly satisfactory, ample evidence being given that it involved the exercise of intelligence as well as memory, and the whole performance being conducted in a quiet, orderly, and effective way. The raising of Lazarus was chosen as the subject of Bible Lesson. The answering of the class was general and correct, showing that they were familiar with the story; the style and method of the teaching were altogether good. The power of the teacher in conducting the instruction of this large class is very noticeable.

Upper School.—STANDARD I. was presented in two divisions, the lower containing 88 present, the upper 92. The *lower* division had been lately constituted from amongst the Infants and other entrants; and its profession on that account was limited. For repetition it was working at Ps. 23, and the Ten Commandments; and it had gone over the early part of the narrative in Genesis, on which its examination was mainly conducted. In its limited profession it answered with a fair degree of interest and readiness,

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though the answering was unequal over the class. On the whole the class was as yet hardly in a fit state of advancement for examination. The *upper* division of this Standard made a very different appearance. Its profession for repetition was adequate, comprising Ps. 100, 103, Par. 37, 38, Matt. v. 1-12, Shorter Catechism, Questions 1-20, and the Commandments. Its rendering of the passage from St. Matthew's Gospel and of the answers from the Catechism, was done by a fair number of the class correctly and promptly, and showed besides that their intelligence had been exercised on what they had committed. In Scripture the class had gone over the Book of Genesis and the early Life of our Lord. Jacob's vision at Bethel was selected as the subject of lesson; the answering showed satisfactory knowledge, and the class-drill was good.

STANDARD II. was also presented for examination in two divisions, the lower numbering 88, the upper 67. The profession was the same in both divisions, being, for repetition, Ps. 100, 103, Par. 37, 38, 39; Matt. v. 1-12, and 1 Cor. xiii.; Shorter Catechism, 1-39, and 39-82; and for Scripture Knowledge, the narratives of the Lives of Jacob and Joseph, and of the deliverance from Egypt, together with the "Life of Christ as recorded by St. Luke." The *lower* division gave Ps. 103 imperfectly: could not give Matt. v. 1-12; answered fairly on the Shorter Catechism, 39-82, though it did not know 1-39. The examination on the Old Testament narrative (the Deliverance) was more successful; a fair knowledge of the facts was elicited, though the answering was not marked by the ease and spontaneousness which result from mastery. The repetition by the *upper* division was better done, though its intelligence had not kept pace with its memory-work. Its Scripture Knowledge was tested by examination on the New Testament narrative of the Temptation of our Lord and some of his miracles. The answering was more general in this division, and showed a better knowledge of the subject. The teacher performed his share of the work with much energy, though hardly as yet with equal sympathy. On the whole, I should say that the profession made by this Standard was not justified by its appearance. I cannot doubt that the teacher has worked hard. But the memory-work offered by the lower division seems to be too much for it; as also, I am inclined to think, does its New Testament profession seem to be for the higher.

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STANDARD III. was also presented in two divisions, the lower numbering 77, the higher 67. Both divisions made the same profession; for repetition Ps. 100, 103; Par. 42, 43, 44, a selection from the Book of Proverbs; Luke ii. 46-55, and Shorter Catechism, 82-107; for Scripture Knowledge, the History of Israel from the Exodus to the Conquest of Canaan, and the Life of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke's Gospel. My examination of the *lower* was necessarily brief, being directed to their Scripture Knowledge only (the Wanderings of Israel). The class, which had been a good deal mixed lately, showed a very fair general knowledge of the field selected for questioning. The *higher* division repeated Par. 43, 44, Ps. 100, some Proverbs, and answers from the Catechism and Question 82 onwards, with very fair intelligence. Their examination on some of the Miracles of our Lord, Draught of Fishes, Healing of Centurion's servant, and Raising of the Widow of Nain's son, was satisfactory. For the rest, a little further time for revisal would doubtless have improved the general appearance of the Standard.

STANDARD IV. had its two divisions (115 present) combined for the purposes of this examination. It professed for repetition,—Ps. 100, 103; Par. 35, 40, 42, 43, 44; Isaiah liii.; Eccl. xi. 9 to end, and Shorter Catechism 1-39, and 82 to end; for Scripture Knowledge, the history of Israel under Joshua and the Judges, and the Parables of our Lord. The repetition was on the whole satisfactory. The pupils of the Standard showed an adequate knowledge of the text of the Catechism; and some of them answered well upon the sense. The chapter from Isaiah was given correctly, but in too low a tone. The part of Scripture selected for lesson was the narrative of the occupation of Canaan under Joshua. The appearance made by the class satisfied me that they had gone carefully and intelligently over the ground professed.

STANDARDS V. VI., with a total of 65 present, were likewise examined together. Their profession for memory-work was extensive, comprising ten Psalms, Proverbs, chaps. i., ii., iii., and viii., 2 Sam. i. 19-27, St. John's Gospel xvii., Romans viii. 28-39, and (for the Sixth Standard in addition) Epistle of James, chap. i., and the Shorter Catechism, with Proofs of 1-32. From Scripture they had studied, in the Old Testament, the two Books of Samuel, with corresponding passages in Kings and Chronicles; and in the New,

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the Acts of the Apostles, specially St. Paul's journeys. Judging by the parts of their repetition I heard, I should say that the profession was, in the circumstances, too extensive. They had gone over it all with care and intelligence; but in the chapters from Proverbs which happened to be chosen, their understanding of the sense was better than their command of the text. They said Ps. 24 very well, and were able to connect it intelligently with the events in David's reign, to which it refers. All the Psalms they had committed had been explained in this way. Their examination on Scripture was on the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul's second journey in particular. They were able to give an account of it in detail with a degree of correctness and promptitude which showed that they had mastered the subject they specially professed. Their appearance in answering supplementary general questions on the earlier half of the book was perhaps not quite up to the same level of merit; but it wanted only revisal to be so.

In this school, as in others, the arrangements for the purpose of religious instruction are judiciously made. The "intelligence" part of the work is in the main in the hands of the head-master and assistants; the pupil-teachers are called to aid chiefly in the memory-work. The former is now taken with all the classes in separate class-rooms; an arrangement which must work better than where a number of classes are instructed side by side in a very large hall. I have had occasion to notice some inequalities of result in the work of the school as a whole. It is due to it to say that from its Government year ending at mid-winter, the classes in their present form have been working at their programme of religious instruction only since January. Even now they have been deprived of the opportunity of an additional fortnight's revisal which they might reasonably have expected to have had. Allowing for this, the results attained are highly creditable, testifying to much hard and well-directed work.

Leith Walk School.

The number of pupils present was 1011; of whom there were in the Infant School 344, in the Upper School 667.

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Infant School.—I found this department working in four divisions. The *Lowest,* consisting of children (51) who had entered school within a few weeks, I did not examine. The *Junior* division was the most numerous, containing 126 present. Its profession was, for repetition, one Psalm, one Paraphrase, and a number of Scripture texts; for Bible Knowledge, the narrative of the Old Testament from the beginning of Genesis to the commencement of the Wanderings, and the Birth of Jesus. The pupils recited (in this case singing) the 23d Psalm correctly and softly; their texts were both well elicited from them and well given; whilst their Scripture lesson (Jacob's vision) was skilfully conducted, and brought out from the class a very satisfactory amount of answering. The working of the division was characterised by order, promptitude, and quietness. The *Senior* infants (72) under charge of an assistant, offered for repetition, one Psalm, one Paraphrase, one Hymn, and Texts; and for Bible Knowledge, the Old Testament Narrative (in outline) down to the shepherd-life of David, and the Birth of our Lord. Their repetition was entirely satisfactory. In particular, the texts were well handled; each text being reached after a short process of questioning, which showed that it was the expression of an idea or of a fact which had been intelligently worked into their minds. In Scripture Knowledge the class made an appearance on the topic selected (the Birth of Jesus) which showed a good acquaintance with all the circumstances of the incident.

STANDARD I. in the Infant Department, numbering 95, and under charge of an assistant, had committed to memory three Psalms and the Ten Commandments; and in their Scripture lessons had gone over the Old Testament narrative to the death of Moses, together with the Birth and early Life of our Lord. The appearance made by this division also deserves commendation. Their examination turned on the decalogue and on the third period of Moses's life; the two parts of the exercise being taken in connection with each other. The class is well handled and well taught.

In this large Infant School the arrangements for Religious Instruction are well planned and effectively worked. The principal teacher, whilst exercising a regular superintendence over the two higher sections, makes it her special work to put the large

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junior section into shape, and lay the foundation of their instruction. Both she and her two assistants do their work well, and the results are quite satisfactory.

Upper School.—STANDARD I. (143 present) is under charge of an assistant-mistress and two pupil-teachers. Its profession was for memory work—Ps. 1, 8, Par. 3, 30, the Ten Commandments; for Scripture Knowledge, the Biographies in Genesis, and the early Life of our Lord, represented by Matthew i., Luke i., Mark i.-viii. If in their repetition a little more promptitude and self-reliance all over might have been desired, there was evidence that much care had been bestowed on their understanding of what they had learned. The teacher examined the class on the Parable of the Sower. The exercise was better perhaps as a lesson than as an examination. It was hardly exacting enough from the class in the way of showing their knowledge; on the other hand, the spirit of it was excellent. Bearing in mind that the weak side of School Bible Instruction is its tendency to be too exclusively matter-of-fact, it was pleasant to see the earnest way in which the lesson was sought to be turned to practical account. This large division is ordinarily taught in three parts, the teacher taking them collectively twice a week for revising and testing, an arrangement which seems to be satisfactory.

STANDARD II.—This standard being very large (172), carries on its work as three classes. For the purpose of this examination it was taken in two parts; the two lower classes together, the upper by itself. The standard as a whole professed for repetition—Ps. 24, 95, Par. 4, 66, Shorter Catechism 1-20, and Matt. v. 1-12; and for Bible Knowledge, the Life of Moses and St. Mark's Gospel, chap. ix. onwards. The *two lower classes* were heard on their repetition alone; and on it they made a very good appearance. They recited Ps. 24, and Par. 66, freely and intelligently; and their answering on the part of the Catechism they had studied was ready and general. All the questions on the Beatitudes were answered by one pupil or another; though they did not seem to be so much at home in this part of their exercise. The appearance of the two classes were the more creditable that their teacher has been in charge only since April. The instruction of the *upper* class in this Standard is carried on by a pupil-teacher, under the supervision of the Head-master. The short specimen I had of

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their repetition (Ps. 95) showed me that considerable care had been bestowed on their intelligence of what they learnt; but their utterance was too rapid and formal, and their giving off not sufficiently accurate. Their examination in Scripture was on the narrative of the Wanderings (from the Red Sea onwards). The ground had been carefully gone over, and the exercise was conducted by the pupil-teacher, if in too exclusively a matter-of-fact way, still with fluency and creditable knowledge of his subject. The "something more" which is desirable must fall to be supplied by the stated visits of the master to the class.

STANDARD III. works in three classes also; of which the *two lower*, numbering 102, were examined together. The Standard as a whole professed for repetition—Ps. 46, 103, Par. 18, 25, Shorter Catechism 21-38, Isaiah liii., Luke i. 46-55; and for Scripture Knowledge, the Books of Joshua and Judges, and the Gospel of St. Luke. The repetition of Psalm and Catechism was fairly well done, and so also, by some, was the answering on the sense of what had been committed. Their knowledge of Scripture appeared to be rather much of an outline. The most prominent facts in Joshua and in the early part of the Gospel, which every one knows, they knew; a somewhat more detailed knowledge should be aimed at. The pupil-teachers (one of whom had been with her class only for three months) did their share of the work in a way which showed considerable promise. The *highest class* in this Standard numbered 66 present, and is under charge of an assistant-teacher, who acquitted herself in an altogether satisfactory way. Time permitted me to hear a specimen of its Bible work alone. And on the ground chosen—the concluding events of our Lord's life,—the class answered with a readiness and a correctness which showed both an adequate knowledge of, and a general interest in, their work. The instruction and discipline seemed to me to leave little to be desired.

STANDARD IV., numbering 101 present, is under charge of an assistant-master, who was unfortunately absent on the day of examination. The duty of hearing the Standard accordingly fell a good deal into the hands of the pupil-teacher associated with him, who did his work, however, with a praiseworthy measure of intelligence and self-reliance. For repetition, the Standard had committed Ps. 19, 84, 90, Par. 8, 39, 48, Shorter Catechism 39-82,

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and 100-107, Prov. i., St. John's Gospel iii. 14-21; and for Scripture Knowledge it had studied Ruth and Samuel i., ii., together with the Parables of our Lord. Their repetition was satisfactory, so far as correctness is concerned; less so in the matter of utterance, which was hasty and indistinct. They showed fair understanding of what they had learned. Their examination in Scripture included the life of Saul and the Parables; the former being taken by their teacher, the latter by myself. They showed a good general knowledge of the Old Testament narrative; and in the case of the Parables chosen by me they could give the story well, and a fairly correct, though concise, account of their spiritual meaning. The teacher has been attached to the class for three months; I have the less hesitation on that account in saying that they had gone over the ground professed carefully and well.

STANDARDS V. VI., with 83 present, were taken together for the purposes of this examination. Their profession was, for repetition, Ps. 34, 46, 51, 84, 145; Par. 26, 35, 49, 52, 56. To this, Standard V. added Shorter Catechism 82-107, with Proofs 1-20, Proverbs viii. 1-36, Luke xii. 22-40; and Standard VI. added Shorter Catechism 1-107, with Proofs 1-38; Proverbs vi. 6-11, xxiii. 29-35, xxxi. 10-31; Matthew xxv. 31-46, Rev. xx. 11-15. In Scripture they had studied I. and II. Kings and the Acts of the Apostles. The passages I heard repeated were Proverbs vi., Ps. 145, and Luke xii. 22-40. The two first were well said; the last fairly well, but it wanted (as was explained to me) revisal both for its language and its sense. The Catechism was taken up, 82-107, and the examination showed that the Standards were not only familiar with the text, but had a good understanding of the meaning of the questions. The passage selected with the view of testing their Scripture Knowledge (suggested by the course of the examination on the question on Repentance) was Acts x. xi., containing the narrative of the conversion of Cornelius. On this they were examined, both by the teacher and myself, with satisfactory results. They were further questioned, at my desire, by the pupil-teacher who assists with these Standards, on the first Missionary journey of St. Paul. It was satisfactory to find that this, the most advanced class in the school, had kept up, by their work during the Session, the high character for knowledge and intelligence which they earned last year.

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Causewayside School.

There were presented for examination in all 735 children, of whom 219 were Infants, and 516 belonged to the Upper School.

Infant School.—This department works, and was examined in, two divisions. The *infants* proper, 129 present, were in charge of the mistress. They professed for repetition—Ps. 23, Par. 2, 37, and some texts; and for Scripture Knowledge—Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments. The passages committed were well known and distinctly recited by the class, and the teacher questioned them on the sense with excellent result. There was occasion, in course of this part of the exercise, for referring to a good many rudimentary facts and notions of religion, and the answering of the children was very satisfactory. A Bible lesson was given on the story of the prophet Elijah. The outline of facts appeared familiar to the class, and the teaching was vigorous and interesting. I was much pleased with the order and appearance of this, the youngest division of the school. The *Standard I. children* of the Infant School, 90 present, and under charge of an assistant teacher, had committed to memory—Par. 41, 42, 43, 44, the Ten Commandments, and some texts; and in Scripture, had gone over the outline of the Book of Genesis, together with the Birth and early Life of our Lord. The repetition (Par. 41 and texts) was correctly and distinctly given. In Scripture, the subject of lesson was the birth and early life of Jesus, on which the answering of the class was both good and general. The exercise was varied by a sample of the mutual questioning occasionally practised by the class, which, in moderation, serves a certain purpose. The section is well handled. The arrangements for working the Infant Department as a whole are the same as I have already had occasion to notice in another school. The principal teacher occupies herself mainly in shaping (so to speak) the youngest and most numerous division, the older being in charge of an assistant. The arrangement is one that commends itself on the condition (always fulfilled in the schools) of the teacher bestowing a certain amount of real supervision on the seniors.

Upper School.—STANDARD I., 74 present, had learnt Par. 41, 42, 43, 44, and the Ten Commandments; and in Scripture had read

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the Lives of Joseph and Moses, and the early Life of our Lord. The "ragged" and "irregular" element is considerably represented in this Standard: about one-third of it, moreover, had only recently come to school. I therefore entered on its examination with very moderate expectations. Yet that part of it, from whom alone it would have been reasonable to expect anything, did fairly well. Their repetition of Par. 41, 44, and their answering to my questions on the Decalogue, were very creditable, both as to form and as to sense. The young teacher in charge (a pupil-teacher in her third year), examined them on the story of the Life of Moses with great spirit, and they answered in a corresponding way. In answer to myself, moreover, they showed a very fair acquaintance with the facts in the early life of Jesus. I was much pleased with the attention and interest they showed throughout their whole exercise. The pupil-teacher conducts the instruction of the class (as would indeed be necessary) under the supervision of the principal assistant mistress.

STANDARD II., 121 present, is instructed by three pupil-teachers under the immediate supervision of the master. It was examined collectively; one of the pupil-teachers being in charge, who, though a very young teacher, did her share of the work well. The Standard professed for repetition—Par. 40, 41, 42, 44; Matt. v. 1-12, and the Commandments; and in Scripture had gone over the Lives of Jacob and Joseph, the deliverance from Egypt, and the Life of Christ. The profession may be thought, from one point of view, too little, and from another, too much. The repetition is too little of an advance on that of Standard I.; the Life of Christ, without any limitation, is too much. So far as it went, the repetition was well done; the knowledge of our Lord's life (the part selected was the last days of his ministry) was not definite enough. It would be better to limit the profession somewhat, and work over the ground more in detail. As I observed in the case of the preceding Standard, the work of this large section would require substantial supervision.

STANDARD III., present 161, had to be taken for examination in two divisions. From the lower division, which was in charge of a pupil-teacher in her second year, and had 54 present, I took the repetition alone; from the upper, 107 present, under charge of the principal mistress, the Bible-work. The profession was, for memory-work—Par. 30, 34, 38, 40; Shorter Catechism, 1-30, with

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Luke i. 46-55, and 68-79 added for the highest division, and the former of these two passages added for the middle division; and for Scripture Knowledge, the History of Israel till the Conquest of Canaan, and the Life of Christ (St. Luke's Gospel), specially including the Miracles. The repetition taken from the two lower divisions was Par. 30, 40, and was good both in form and sense; the explanation of the latter Paraphrase being taken with reference to the parable which it embodies. The questions on the Shorter Catechism were answered correctly so far as the text was concerned, but the meaning was not quite so successfully given. In Bible Knowledge, the highest division was examined in the Miracles. There was time to get a general account of eight of these, and to enter a little in detail into two of them, the raising of Lazarus and Christ's walking on the sea. The whole work was effectively done, and gave me a favourable impression of the way in which the division is handled and taught. I could take but a very short specimen of the repetition, viz., Par. 30, 38, but what I heard was given correctly and with readiness.

STANDARD IV., under charge of an assistant teacher, who however has been attached to it only since May, had 86 present. It professed for repetition—Par. 12, 40, 41, 42; Luke i. 46-55, and 68-79; Shorter Catechism, 82-107, and for Bible Knowledge the History of Israel till the Conquest, with the Life of Christ (St. Luke's Gospel), and specially the Parables. They repeated a Paraphrase correctly; their answering on the Catechism, text and meaning, was not more than fair. I thought it right to devote the time I had with this Standard mainly to that part of their work which their present teacher had gone over with them, viz., the Parables of our Lord; of many of these the teacher drew forth from the class a good account, both of the story and of the spiritual meaning. I examined the class myself on two of them specially, the Prodigal Son in connection with the question in the Shorter Catechism on Repentance, and the Pharisee and the Publican in connection with the question on Prayer. Of such questions there can be no better illustration than such parables, and of such parables no better expression of their meaning than such questions. The class answered with interest and intelligence. I have no difficulty in saying that the teacher and class have worked carefully and to good purpose over the portion of Scripture which came under review.

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STANDARDS V. VI., with 74 present, are taught together by an assistant teacher, and were examined together. Their profession was, for repetition—Par. 11, 15, 25, 30, 34, 40, 41, 42; prose Ps. ciii., Romans viii. 28-39; Shorter Catechism, the whole, with Proofs 1-20; and for Scripture the two Books of Samuel, and the Gospel of St. Luke. For repetition I chose Ps. ciii. (curiously enough the only *Psalm* professed over the school), and Romans viii. 28-39. These passages the class said well, the Psalm more particularly. The Catechism was taken up from Question 98 onwards. The text was given off readily and correctly; and in the examination on the sense, conducted in part by their teacher and in part by myself, the class bore their part on the whole with intelligence. The part of their Bible Knowledge selected for examination was the last week of our Lord's public ministry. The result was so far, but not entirely, satisfactory. The class answered well enough the questions they were asked; which were directed, however, very much to those facts on the surface of the narrative with which almost every one is acquainted. It would be reasonable to expect from an advanced class a full, definite, and orderly account of the incidents in the period chosen. From a personal examination of them on the period of the forty days, specially with a view to the evidence of our Lord's resurrection, my impression is that they had gone more minutely into the narrative than the questioning addressed to them elicited, so that teacher and class did not altogether do themselves justice on this particular occasion. If, as I thought, somewhat too general, the teaching is certainly energetic, careful, and zealous.

In this school, as in the case of another school noticed in my report, the working year, as determined by the annual Government inspection, terminates about the middle of February. There is at that time consequently a general change of standards, which has the effect of breaking the year's Bible work into two parts, one of which is conducted by one teacher, the otherby another. I understand there has been besides, for special reasons, a pretty general re-arrangement of teachers in the school since the beginning of May. It is proper to note these circumstances, for whatever appearance the school has made in its Bible examination (and the appearance has been upon the whole satisfactory), they must operate more or less to its disadvantage. The syllabus of

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study for the year has seemed to me to be not quite sufficient, the several standards not advancing enough upon each other either in memory-work or in Scripture reading. It was explained that each two standards are combined for Religious Instruction, so that doubtless the profession of each will appear to be in one year in arrear, and in another in advance of the average. The apparent deficiency, then, will be made good next year. The printed syllabus of the Board permits combination; still, I take it, in certain circumstances only. Where the standards are numerous and the staff adequate, each should certainly make its own proper profession.

General Remarks.

The total number of children actually present in the five Schools which I examined during the month of June was 4163; of whom 1383 were in the Infant Schools. This may be held to be within a very small fraction of the entire current attendance; the number of pupils who decline Religious Instruction being, so far as I could gather, inappreciably small.

The average amount of time given daily in the schools to Religious Instruction is satisfactory; being from half an hour in the Infant Schools, to forty minutes net in the Upper Schools.

In two cases I have had occasion to notice the fact that the year for Religious Instruction and the year for Secular Instruction do not correspond, owing to the Government inspection in these cases taking place in spring. The fact may very easily become a disadvantage to the former, from the general re-casting of the school classes, which follows immediately upon inspection; it introduces divided responsibility in the matter of the Religious Instruction of all the classes. It is probably impracticable to alter the time of year at which the examination of these schools in Religious Knowledge takes place. But the Head-master can, and doubtless does, do much to diminish the disadvantage, by satisfying himself before the time when the promotion of the several Standards falls due, that their Religious Instruction has been efficiently brought up to date. I have no particular shortcoming

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to report as manifestly due to the change of classes in question; nor should I be of opinion that the change would be an adequate excuse for shortcoming.

More convenient arrangements on the whole have been made in the schools for the conducting of this examination this year. In almost every case, the several Standards have been examined in the class-rooms attached to the large hall of the schools. It was possible in this way to proceed with the work with more expedition, and certainly more comfort to both examiner and classes, than when it had to be carried on without the desirable isolation. I should be glad to think that it were possible so to arrange that the daily teaching, as well as the annual examination, should share in these advantages.

I have remarked in former reports on the excellence of the repetition or memory-work. It combined accuracy and readiness of verbal statement with a degree of intelligence reasonably proportioned to the age of the pupils. If I am not mistaken, there is some danger that the very success of this exercise may prove a danger to it, by tempting the teachers of classes to overdo it. More than once this season I have been led to think that too much was professed in this way, with the necessary result, that neither the recitation nor the intelligence quite reached their previous high standard of merit. It needs hardly to be said that it would be more satisfactory to restrict the profession to what is thoroughly attainable, than to extend it unduly, and have to account even by a satisfactory excuse for its imperfect fulfilment.

The Shorter Catechism continues to be taught very carefully and very well. If I were to select one part of it that falls below the general level of excellence in handling, I should point to the questions, "What is required?" and "What is forbidden?" under the Commandments. The earlier and later portions of the text, questions 1-39, and questions 81 onwards, are explored with most creditable thoroughness; so also are the Commandments themselves. There is no reason why the same care bestowed on the questions I have named as exceptions should not produce similar results. And certainly there are no questions where the practical and varied illustration of which they so evidently admit, should be found more interesting or more profitable. There is another

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feature in the handling of the Catechism on which it occurs to me to remark. There are two ways in which its teaching may be connected, as it certainly ought to be connected, with the teaching of Scripture. The one is by the learning of the proofs attached to the several questions. But a high degree of skill in quoting these may co-exist with a moderate degree of insight into that connection after all. With a child mere verbal or logical proof does not count for very much. It would be better, from a teaching point of view, to illustrate the doctrines set forth in the Catechism by reference to the narratives in Scripture. To refer for a moment to an example that occurred in the course of my examination, the question on Repentance and the parable of the Prodigal Son may be thus associated; so the question on Prayer and the parable of the Pharisee and Publican. Such a connection is real, not verbal merely; and, further, it may be worked out over a much larger area of the Catechism than at first sight appears practicable.

The profession of Scripture Knowledge in the Schools is, with hardly an exception, adequate in amount, and judiciously arranged. In the general case, it is worked out in the youngest and most advanced departments with thoroughness and skill. Amongst the middle classes there are occasional signs of weakness; accounted for, doubtless, by the fact that it is with them that the pupil-teachers are mainly occupied. There is the more necessity that the supervision bestowed on their work be systematic and substantial. One or two cases occur to me, in which something more required to be done in the way of testing, confirming, and supplementing the results of their teaching. In some cases the Head-masters have no special classes for Religious Instruction, but devote themselves entirely to superintendence. This middle stratum of the school is commended specially to their attention. In this connection, a remark made last year will bear to be repeated. The 'Life of Christ' is in some cases two indefinite a profession for junior classes. It is apt to be interpreted by their teachers as meaning merely the events of his early life; in which case the knowledge shown by the classes is not greatly in advance of that of the elder infants. It is the exception when the incidents of his later life are expressly professed and adequately answered on. It would be well to divide this profession and specify it with more precision in some such way as suggested last year.

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It would not be reasonable to look for a definitely measurable advance each year in a good school. The work of Religious Instruction was well done in the schools to begin with; I think there has been very considerable improvement in the several parts of it during these years of inspection; and it is gratifying to be able to report, now, that it continues to be prosecuted in them all with a degree of vigour and success that merits the confidence of the Board.

The Head-masters and heads of departments have, as usual, given me every assistance in this examination; and I beg to express to them my hearty thanks for their invariable courtesy and attention.

JAMES CURRIE.

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II.—REPORTS BY MAURICE PATERSON, Esq.

General Remarks.

THE schools on which I have this year the honour to report to the Edinburgh School Board are, with the addition of Roseburn, the same as those on which I reported last year.

The examination of the largest schools occupied almost five hours each, the others from four to four and a half hours; two hours sufficed for Roseburn, and one for Holyrood.

The examination was entirely oral, and was conducted on the same lines as in former years. Memory-work was taken first, of which each pupil was required to repeat a larger or smaller portion. Questions followed on the meaning of words, or otherwise testing the children's understanding of what had been committed. On their knowledge of Bible History, etc., the classes were examined first by their respective teachers, and afterwards by myself. As far as was practicable, every individual in each class was examined. It was impossible when two Standards were combined, or the numbers very large, to accomplish this in *both* memory-work and Bible History, but in every case sufficient time was spent with a class to enable me, as I believe, to form a distinct estimate of its progress.

I. TIME DEVOTED TO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.—From Schedule I., appended to this report, it will be seen that the amount of time given to Religious Instruction varies, in the Infant School, from thirty to forty-five minutes per diem, in the other Standards from forty to fifty minutes, inclusive in both cases of opening exercises. I am still of opinion that those schools which give forty minutes would do well to increase it to fifty. Time is almost always lost in getting a class fairly under weigh in the morning, and in some schools there are frequent interruptions, so that it becomes almost impossible to overtake in the remaining thirty minutes all that ought to be overtaken in connection with the daily Bible lesson.

II. THE COURSE OF STUDY.—The lateness of the date at which the scheme of study suggested by the late Board came to hand alone, I believe, has prevented its being adopted in its entirety

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by the teachers. A suggestion regarding the scheme made to me by one of the Head-masters seems worthy of consideration, viz., that if the whole Catechism is undertaken in the highest standards, the amount of *memory* work otherwise might perhaps with advantage be curtailed.

INFANT DEPARTMENT.—The amount professed seems quite satisfactory. It should be noted, however, that "Outlines of Genesis," and "Early Life of Christ" respectively, mean a very different thing in some schools as compared with others. In some instances those who conduct the infant classes would, I believe, do well to avail themselves of the help furnished by books like *Line upon Line*, *Peep of Day*, etc., in teaching on Genesis or the Life of our Lord. Incidents which are too frequently omitted altogether, or disposed of in a single sentence, and so make no impression on the child's imagination, are in these admirable manuals "pictured out," and acquire a reality and solidarity, if I may so call it, that are most important in teaching. In a very few instances unsuitable psalms had been selected.

STANDARDS I. TO VI.—The course of study in the several schools, as detailed in Schedule II. B, shows marked improvement on what I was able to report last year as regards *continuity*. If the scheme be adhered to in successive years, the pupils will be introduced to a new section of Bible History as they pass from standard to standard. The work done in the earlier stages (*e.g.* Genesis and Exodus) should again be taken up if possible in the higher Standards more minutely than was desirable in the First and Second, but that I believe can be done without prejudice to the study of the later books. In one instance only the amount professed appears to be too limited. The Life of Joseph is not all that should be professed by the Second Standard, scarcely even by the First, nor the period ending with the conquest of Canaan by the Fourth. These portions have already been studied once, if not twice, and are therefore insufficient as a whole session's work in Old Testament History. Considerable diversity prevails as regards the point in the school curriculum at which the Shorter Catechism is learned. In Standards I. and II. the Commandments may perhaps be sufficient, if the things forbidden and required under each are fully explained. But there is nothing, I believe, to hinder some other portions of the Catechism being mastered by those

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who are in the Third Standard, and all the more that, in consequence of the thinning that takes place before the higher Standards are reached, if not learned then, they are not likely to be learned at all by a large majority of the pupils.

III. RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION.—I am happy to be able to report that the high standard of attainment reached by many of the schools last year has been fully maintained, and that in the others very manifest progress has been made. The teachers have evidently done their work conscientiously and well, and both they and their pupils, it seems to me, manifest each year increasingly the laudable ambition to make as favourable an appearance as possible in this department of their work.

The memory-work, with scarcely an exception, was thoroughly well done, and, what is equally important, attention is more uniformly and more successfully directed to the elucidation of the meaning of the portions committed than ever before. Should this state of things be steadfastly maintained from year to year, the improvement as regards intelligence in the higher standards should soon be very perceptible. The first Board, if I mistake not, strongly urged their teachers to insist on distinctness of articulation, and attention to the sense, in the pupils' *recitation* of their memory-work. I am not sure that these points have this session been so much insisted on in all the schools as they formerly were. Not unfrequently the scholars spoke in a low and indistinct tone, and I found that, in consequence of this, words that were grievously misnamed had sometimes escaped correction from the teachers.

The portions of Old and New Testament History that had been studied were in many instances known with greater minuteness than last year, and gave evidence of having been mastered, as I think ought to be the case, by the pupils *Bible in hand.* I was especially gratified with the fulness of detail with which, in some classes, the incidents in the lives of Joseph and Moses were known, as also some of the finer points in connection with the Miracles and Parables.

I regret to find that home preparation of the Bible lesson is seldom obtained until the later standards are reached. In some instances, even in the highest standards, only the memory-work

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was prepared at home. A good many of the pupils, I was told, had no Bibles. I am strongly of opinion that the teachers should be encouraged to foster home preparation in connection with all parts of the Bible teaching at as early a period of school life as possible. I sympathise with the desire to save the Bible from degenerating, in the pupils' esteem, into a mere task-book, still, if they are to be able to use it to purpose in their after life, they ought while at school to be trained to make themselves acquainted with its contents by their own independent work at home. Were it in the first instance proposed as a *voluntary* exercise to Standard II., to be rewarded by the teacher's approval, that they should read over at home and be ready to answer on some of the more interesting incidents connected with Joseph, Moses, or David, I believe that progress would soon be made in the direction of having it understood that each Bible lesson was to be prepared at home before being taken in the class.

I am not aware whether there is in connection with any of the schools under the Edinburgh Board a teachers' library. For the younger members of the staff of a school I can see great advantage in their having access to books like those of Trench on the Miracles and Parables respectively, and reliable annotations on the Old Testament Books, in order to accuracy, freshness and fulness of explanation in connection with the daily Bible lessons. A simple exposition, and one that could be taught to young children, of the statements of the Psalms, Paraphrases, and Chapters that are most frequently committed to memory, is also a decided *desideratum* for the guidance and help of the younger teachers.

When pupil-teachers are intrusted with classes, their instruction and discipline continue to be supported by the influence of the Head-master much more than was the case a year or two ago. In some of the schools this cannot yet be done to as great an extent as is desirable. A Head-master cannot readily exchange with a pupil-teacher who is in charge of one of the lower standards, unless the latter's age and professional skill warrant the confidence that he will be able to control the pupils of the highest standards in the master's absence. This again raises the question of the kind of teachers that ought to be available for the lower standards, and my observation during this year's visits to the schools has convinced me that it is one of paramount importance. The Board are

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doubtless aware that the bulk of the pupils in their schools are found in the infant department and the lower standards. Of about 3600 who were present in the schools when I visited them, not more than between five and six hundred were found in Standards IV. to VI., which are taught either by the Head-master or the Senior Assistant. Undoubtedly this small number of pupils is entitled to the best teaching the schools can give, and, did they not receive it, probably the number would be smaller than it is. On the other hand, the fact that the mass of the children is likely to have the benefit of no more than the first half of the school curriculum (Standards I. to III.) surely makes it extremely desirable that the teaching power of these lower standards should be as strong and efficient as the Board can make it. Practically all the Bible teaching and moral training that the majority of the school children are ever to get are received in these junior classes, and it is therefore matter for regret that in many, perhaps in most instances, the Head-master has no alternative but to intrust them to the comparatively inexperienced, and therefore less efficient, members of the school staff.

It only remains, in closing this report, that I should thank those members of the Board who were kind enough to be present during a portion of the examination in the various schools, and that I should express my sense of the uniform consideration and courtesy which, as on former occasions, I experienced from the Head-masters, teachers, and pupils in all the schools I visited.

M. PATERSON.

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SCHEDULE I.—*Time devoted to Religious Instruction in the several Schools, inclusive of Opening Exercises.*

	Minutes per Diem.	
	Infants.	Others.
North Canongate,	45	45
St. Leonard's,	40	50
West Port,	40	40
Dalry,	40	40
Roseburn,	45	45
Dean,	40	40
West Fountainbridge,	40	40[1]
Holyrood,	30	...
Deanhaugh,	35	50

[1] Standard IV. (boys) have thirty minutes.

SCHEDULE II.—*Amount of Work professed in the several Schools.*

A.—Infant Department.

	Old Testament.	*New Testament.*	*Memory-Work.*
North Canongate.	Outlines of Genesis.	Early life of Christ.	Psalms 23d and 100th, Paraph. 2d, and Lord's Prayer.
St. Leonard's—			
1st Division.	Creation to Flood.	Incidents relating to Birth and Childhood of Christ.	3 Hymns, Texts, Lord's Prayer.
2d. Division.	Creation to death of Jacob.	Life of Christ to His Baptism. Life of John Baptist. Last week of Christ's life; death, etc.	6 Hymns, Texts, Psalm 23d, Lord's Prayer.
West Port.	Lives of Joseph, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and David.	Early life of Christ. A few of the Miracles and Parables.	23d Psalm, 2d Paraphrase, Hymns, & Texts.
Dalry—			
Seniors.	Outlines of Genesis.	Early life of Christ to visit to the Temple.	23d Psalm, 2d Paraphrase, Texts, and Hymn.
Juniors.	Creation to Flood.	Birth of Christ.	As above.

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	Old Testament.	*New Testament.*	*Memory-Work.*
ROSEBURN.	Outlines of Genesis.	Early life of Christ. The Miracles.	23d Psalm, 2d, 54th, and 64th Paraphrases, Texts, and Ten Commandments.
DEAN.	Life of Daniel.	Life of Christ and other Narratives.	23d and 100th Psalms, 2 Hymns, Lord's Prayer, and Texts.
WEST FOUNTAIN-BRIDGE—			
Section 1.	Outlines of Genesis. Early Life of Moses, Samuel, and David.	Principal events in the life of our Lord.	1st and 2d Psalms, 16th Paraphrase, Hymn, and Texts.
Section 2.	Creation, Fall, Flood, Abraham, Joseph.	Principal events in the life of our Lord.	23d Psalm, Texts, Hymn.
HOLYROOD.	Creation to Flood. Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph.	Early life of Christ and John the Baptist, some of the Miracles.	23d Ps., 2d, 43d & 54th Paraphs., Texts, and Ten Commandments.
DEANHAUGH.	Bible Stories from Old and New Testaments.		23d Psalm, 37th Paraphrase, the Lord's Prayer.

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B.—Standards

	STANDARD I.			STANDARD II.			
	Old Testament.	*New Testament.*	*Catechism and Repetition.*	*Old Testament.*	*New Testament.*	*Catechism and Repetition.*	*Old Testament.*
NORTH CANONGATE.	Jacob, Joseph, and Moses.	Early life, death, and resurrection of Christ.	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs.	Genesis and Exodus to Deliverance from Egypt.	Life of Christ (Matthew).	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. Matthew v. 1 to 12. 1 Cor. xiii. 10 Comms.	Deliverance from Egypt to entering Canaan.
ST. LEONARD'S.	Outlines of Genesis.	Birth and early life of Christ.	3 Psalms. 1 Paraph. 10 Comms.	Jacob, Joseph, and Deliverance from Egypt.	Early life of Christ.	3 Psalms. 1 Paraph. Beatitudes. 10 Comms.	The Exodus to the Settlement in Canaan.
WEST PORT.	Outlines of Genesis and Moses.	Early life and death of Christ.	3 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Beatitudes. Texts.	Jacob, Joseph, and Deliverance from Egypt.	The life of Christ.	1 Psalm. 3 Paraphs. Beatitudes. Cat. 39-82.	The Exodus to Settlement in Canaan.
DALRY.	The lives of the Patriarchs.	Early life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. 10 Comms.	Jacob, Joseph, and the Exodus.	The life of Christ.	4 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Beatitudes. Cat. 1 to 20. 10 Comms.	Exodus to death of Moses.
ROSEBURN.	Outlines of Genesis.	Early life of Christ. The chief Miracles.	1 Psalm. 3 Paraphs. Texts and 10 Comms.	Jacob and Joseph.	Life of Christ.	1 Psalm. 2 Paraphs. Beatitudes. Cat. 39-62.	
				Since December 1878.			
DEAN.	Life of Joseph.	Life of Christ.	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. 10 Comms. Cat. 1 to 10.	Standard II. as in Standard I.			Exodus to Conquest of Canaan.
WEST FOUNTAINBRIDGE.	The Creation to Abraham.	Incidents in early life of Christ.	3 Paraphs. Beatitudes.	Lives of Jacob and Joseph.	Chief incidents in life of Christ (Mark).	4 Psalms. Beatitudes. Proverbs. Comms.	*Boys.* Genesis xxxvii. to Exodus xx. *Girls.* Exodus i. to xx.
HOLYROOD.	Creation to Flood. Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph.	Early life of Christ and John Baptist. Miracles.	1 Psalm. 3 Paraphs. 10 Comms.				
DEANHAUGH.	Outlines of Genesis.	Birth and early life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. 10 Comms.	Jacob, Joseph, and Deliverance from Egypt.	The life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. 10 Comms.	Exodus to Conquest of Canaan.

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STANDARD III.		STANDARD IV.			STANDARDS V. AND VI.		
New Testament.	*Catechism and Repetition.*	*Old Testament.*	*New Testament.*	*Catechism and Repetition.*	*Old Testament.*	*New Testament.*	*Catechism and Repetition.*
Most noted Parables of Christ.	5 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Isaiah liii. Mary's Song. Cat. 1 to 20.	Standard IV. as in Standard III.			1 Samuel, chapters i. to xi.	Luke i. to xii.	The whole of the Catechism. 7 Psalms. 6 Paraphs. Psalm ciii. (Prose.) Romans viii. 28 to 39.
Life of Christ. 19 of His Parables.	4 Psalms. Mary's Song. Proverbs, 30 verses. Cat. 82 to 107.	1 Samuel, chaps. xvii. to end of 2 Samuel.	Gospel of Luke.	5 Psalms. 5 Paraphs. Isaiah liii. Eccles. xi. 9 to end. Cat. 1 to 39.	1st and 2d Samuel.	Gospel of Luke.	As in Standard IV., with Psalm ciii. Romans viii. 28 to 39. Catechism, the whole.
Life of Christ, especially the Miracles.	4 Paraphs. Proverbs. Cat. 82 to 107.	Joshua and Judges.	The Parables of Christ.	4 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Isaiah liii. Eccles. xii. 9 to end. Cat. 1 to 39.	Standards V. and VI. as in Standard IV.		
Life of Christ. Chief Miracles.	4 Psalms. Proverbs viii. Cat. 1 to 41.	Joshua and Judges.	Life of Christ. Chief Parables.	4 Paraphs. 1 Cor. xiii. Cat. 1 to 81.	1st Samuel and two chaps. of 2d Samuel.	Matthew's Gospel.	1 Psalm. 4 Paraphs. Psalm ciii. and xxiv. (Prose.) Catechism, the whole.
St. John's Gospel i.-xii. 3 Parables. 2 Miracles.	4 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. Cat. 1 to 39.	As in Standard III.		4 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Cat. 1 to 39.	1st Kings.	Mark's Gospel and the Acts.	5 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Prov. viii. John xv. Cat. 1-107.
The chief Miracles of Christ.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Mary's Song. Proverbs. 10 Comms.	*Boys.* Joshua. *Girls.* Joshua and Judges.	*Boys.* The Parables. *Girls.* Life of Christ, and the Parables in Luke.	*Boys.* 3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. 10 Comms. *Girls.* 3 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Beatitudes. Cat. 1 to 39.	Building, Destruction, and Rebuilding of Temple.	Gospel of John.	4 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. Cat. 98 to 107, with Proofs.
Life of Christ. Miracles.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Mary's Song. 10 Comms. Cat. 82 to 94. 20 Proverbs.	Joshua and Judges.	Life of Christ by Matthew. Parables.	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. Isaiah liii. Eccles. xi. 9 to end. Cat. 1 to 39.	1st and 2d Books of Samuel.	Matthew's Gospel and Acts.	5 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Psalm ciii. (Prose.) Prov. viii. Catechism, the whole. Proofs, 82 to end.

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Dalry School.

I visited this School on Tuesday, the 17th of June.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Sloan, aided by Miss Gilray and pupil-teachers. The Senior Section, with which Miss Sloan more especially charges herself, had 217 in attendance; the Junior, 150.

Senior Section.—The 121st Psalm and the 37th and 60th Paraphrases were well said. The meaning had been carefully attended to. In place of the texts ordinarily given in the Infant room, and which are apt to become meaningless from frequent repetition if a pupil remains two years or more in that department, Miss Sloan had selected brief sentences from the portion of Genesis taken up in the Bible lessons. The incidents in connection with which they occur easily recalled the texts and made them intelligible. The words, at the same time, were capable of being so explained as to be valuable for life and conduct. The passages had been most judiciously selected, and were very well known. Miss Sloan was asked to examine on the Life of Abraham. This she did skilfully, and with the best results, grouping the facts according as they illustrated particular features of character. Those, *ex. gr.*, which showed him to be a man of prayer, were taken first, because suggested by a pupil, then those illustrating his obedience, etc. The answers given on the Lives of Jacob, Esau, and Joseph were also quite satisfactory, and afforded evidence of careful and skilful teaching.

Junior Section.—Fifty of this section had been admitted within the last five weeks. The texts were repeated form by form, the 23d Psalm sung, and the 2d Paraphrase repeated simultaneously. The most of the pupils seemed to join. The pupils answered well on the Flood, Adam, Eve, Eden, etc. Altogether, I was quite satisfied with Miss Gilray's happy way of dealing with these very young children.

STANDARD I.—One section, numbering 64, was under the charge of Miss Anderson, a pupil-teacher in her first year; the other, numbering 21, composed of those who had been very recently admitted, was entrusted to Miss Menzies. Both teachers are earnest and anxious to do well, but they are too young and in-

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experienced to produce satisfactory results. This is undoubtedly a weak point in the school.

Miss Anderson's section repeated the 8th and 121st Psalms, and the 11th and 37th Paraphrases, with a good measure of accuracy. But the pupils spoke too low, and altogether there was less intelligence manifested than ought to have been. Not much of the meaning had been got. No one could tell what was meant by "aid," "shade," "plains," "sign."

Miss Menzies has had her section only since March. They said the 2d and 37th Paraphrases well, but the 1st, which they also professed, was evidently too difficult, and was not well known.

Miss Anderson examined in a lively style on the Life of Joseph, and was correctly answered by a large number of pupils. The facts about Abraham, however, were little known, as also were many connected with the early Life of Jesus.

STANDARD II. is taught in three sections. The largest, numbering 89, is under the charge of Miss Neil, a certificated teacher; the second, numbering 40, under Miss Rutherford, a pupil-teacher; and the third, numbering 60, under Miss Millar, likewise a pupil-teacher. I omitted to ascertain the precise mode of working the three sections, but the diversity that obtained suggested that they were not all equally subjected to the influence of a trained and experienced teacher. Miss Neil's section repeated the 11th, 30th, and 35th Paraphrases quite correctly, with very few exceptions. Some, but not many, were able to give the meanings of words that occurred in the 11th and 30th.

Miss Rutherford's section repeated the 1st, 100th, and 121st Psalms. Nearly all said correctly the small portion required, and a few had the meaning of such words as were asked.

Miss Millar's section knew the 1st Psalm and the 8th Paraphrase on the whole well.

In Old Testament history, Miss Neil and Miss Rutherford's sections were examined together. The examination by the former on the Life of Joseph dealt with the subject too generally for the Second Standard. A minute examination to which I subjected the pupils individually on the contents of the first few chapters of Exodus, convinced me that there had been much careful teaching, and that, as a whole, the pupils had profited by it. All the questions I put were answered by *some* members of the class. Many

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of the questions were missed by a considerable number, but all contributed something. It occurred to me that perhaps there had been less than ought to have been of examination of the individual pupils, taken successively in some definite order. It is not safe to be content with answers only from those who offer when a question is asked.

The third section answered fairly well on "the Temptation" of Jesus, but the facts relating to His Death and Burial were not well known. Probably they would have done better had they been examined on Old Testament history, but the time at my disposal did not admit of it.

STANDARD III., under Miss Croal and a pupil-teacher.—Number present, 120. Miss Croal's section, numbering 83, and that of Miss Law, the pupil-teacher, were examined together. The 2d, 24th, and 90th Psalms, and the 8th chapter of Proverbs were repeated, but by no means with the amount of accuracy which my experience in other schools has shown to be attainable. The first 41 questions of the Catechism were professed, and the earlier portion was said accurately and fluently. One pupil only offered for the 37th, and for some others only a small section of the class. Perhaps as regards memory-work too much had been attempted. In New Testament History the pupils generally answered very well on some of the leading Miracles. The few questions in Old Testament History for which there was time revealed thorough teaching. The map, I was glad to find, was largely made use of.

STANDARD IV., under Mr. Loudon, certificated teacher.—The number present was 74.

The Books of Joshua and Judges had been very thoroughly taught. The answering, both under the teacher's examination and my own, was entirely satisfactory.

In Catechism, the mass of the children answered very well. The meaning also is explained, as far as time admits.

1 Corinthians xiii., and Paraphrases 10 and 14, were said with almost perfect accuracy. I was satisfied also with the pupils' understanding of the sense. Altogether, I was much pleased with the amount of work that had been done by this Standard, and the spirit that seemed to animate both teacher and scholars.

STANDARDS V. and VI., under Mr. Aitken.—The number present was 37. Psalms 103 and 24, in prose, were repeated with almost

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perfect accuracy. Selected verses also of 1 Corinthians xiii., Psalm 20th (16 lines), and the 33d and 48th Paraphrases, were very well said. The meaning had been thoroughly got. The examination on the Old and the New Testaments alike gave excellent results. In the New Testament the subjects examined on were the Transfiguration, the Healing of the Demoniac Boy, the Parables of Matthew xiii., and that of the Talents, the Temptation, etc. On all, the pupils exhibited a fulness of information and an amount of intelligence that were very gratifying. In examining on 1st Samuel, the class was asked to suggest the connection in which such verses as the following occurred:—"God looketh upon the heart," "Them that honour me I will honour," "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices as in obeying," etc. In every case some member of the class was able to finish the verse, and give the occasion of its utterance. The test was a tolerably severe one, but not too severe for the intelligent, well-taught pupils to whom it was proposed. As the hour was now late, the examination having occupied five hours, only a few questions in the Catechism could be taken: Repentance, Faith, Effectual Calling, etc. The knowledge of the answers, and the understanding of their import, were both entirely satisfactory.

Dean School.

I visited this school on Tuesday, the 24th of June. The Government Examination having only recently taken place, there had been less time for revisal of the Session's work than in former years.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Chalmers, aided by pupil-teachers.—120 Infants were present. The average age is less than formerly, as all who were to be examined in Standard work had been transferred to the Juvenile School. A good many also had only recently been admitted. The 23d and 100th Psalms, and two hymns, were repeated remarkably well, whether a verse each, a line each, or simultaneously. A number of texts had been learned bearing on Truthfulness, Piety, Kindness to Animals, etc. For the most part, those selected seemed rather too long and intricate for

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the very infantile lips that repeated them, and although the meanings of all the unusual words had been got, it seemed to me doubtful whether the children had much understanding of what they said. The Life of Daniel, and other Old Testament Narratives, had been gone over, with the aid, I was glad to learn, of pictures. The answers on a few of the incidents of Daniel's history were very good, as were also those to questions proposed by myself on the birth and death of Christ. I have much pleasure in referring, as I have had occasion to do more than once in previous reports, to the marked ability, diligence, and success with which Miss Chalmers conducts this department.

STANDARDS I. AND II. take the same work at the Bible hour. They are under the charge of a male pupil-teacher, Mr. Stenhouse, who is at the end of his apprenticeship, and two female pupil-teachers, Misses Wood and Allan, each at the end of their third year. Mr. Duncan exchanges with one or other of the pupil-teachers as often as is practicable. I am sorry that I cannot report favourably of the work of these two Standards. Three Psalms (23d, 100th, and 121st), and three Paraphrases (4th, 11th, and 54th), were repeated, each pupil in turn saying one or two lines, with a fair amount of correctness on the whole. A good many, however, could not do their part, and the majority were neither so ready nor so accurate as, I am happy to say, I generally find the pupils in the Board Schools to be, and as they were in all the other classes of this school. I examined on the meaning of several of the words in the 11th Paraphrase, but with very indifferent results. Those who were asked answered on the first ten questions of the Shorter Catechism promptly and well. The Ten Commandments had not been generally mastered. Occasionally a dozen or eighteen children had to be passed as unable to say the commandment that was required.

The Life of Joseph had been studied, and the pupils were examined on it by Miss Wood. She taught in a tolerably lively and earnest style, and brought out a good deal of general information on the subject; when the pupils, however, were taken individually in succession, there were large patches of the class from whom little or nothing could be got, especially when anything more than the outstanding facts were asked for. Miss Allan examined on the birth of Jesus, and on the usual topics received a considerable

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number of answers. When facts respecting the death and burial of Christ, which had also been studied, were required, the ignorance was nothing less than lamentable. Calvary, Joseph of Arimathea, Pilate, Herod, and how they were respectively connected with the death of our Lord, scarcely any of the pupils knew.

I omitted to mention that the number present was 132, which, however, is smaller by about 14 than the number ordinarily in attendance. So large a number, I may venture to submit to the Board, composed largely of pupils whose home influences are unfavourable, and whose attendance is consequently irregular, cannot be efficiently instructed in a subject like Bible by pupil-teachers alone, even with the interposition of the Head-master at such times as he can be spared from his own class, and the general business of the school. No home preparation I am told can be exacted, and unless the teacher in charge of a class or section have the authority which age and experience give, little or nothing will be learned in school. The pupils were not interested, and on the day of examination manifested little or no desire to do well.

STANDARDS III. AND IV., under Miss Alexander, Certificated Assistant.—The number present was 84.

The memory-work of the two Standards was different, but in Catechism and Bible History the ground gone over was the same. Standard III. gave evidence of having learned very thoroughly four Psalms (88th, 122d, 123d, 124th), and three Paraphrases (44th, 46th, 60th). The 88th Psalm, I would suggest, is scarcely a suitable one to be committed. Standard IV. went over the whole or portions of four Psalms (5th, 14th, 20th, 61st), and four Paraphrases (33d, 37th, 39th, 42d), with scarcely any failure or even mistake. Both Standards, while leaving scarcely anything to be desired in the way of accuracy of repetition, might have done this part of their work more slowly and distinctly, and so as to give more evidence than they did of all being *intelligently* done. Examination on the meaning of one of the portions gave very good results in the Third Standard, not nearly so good in the Fourth.

Thirty-nine questions in the Shorter Catechism were professed by all except eleven pupils, whose parents had claimed exemption. The repetition of the answers was very well done, especially towards the beginning of the Catechism. The meaning of many of the statements had been explained, and was well understood. Twelve

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chapters of John's Gospel had been very thoroughly studied (at least the historical parts), and the ready answers on the deputation to John, the testimony of John to Jesus, the incidents relating to Peter's first interview, Philip, Nathaniel, the Miracle at Cana, the Cleansing of the Temple, the Woman at the Well, and the Healing of the Impotent Man, gave me much satisfaction. All the class was interested, places were pointed out on the map, and altogether I felt that excellent work had been done. In Old Testament History the results were on this occasion not quite so favourable as I think they were last session, but still they were such as to show careful and skilful teaching.

I was sorry to learn from Miss Alexander that little in the way of home preparation could be relied on in connection with the Bible History, in consequence, she assured me, of the want of Bibles on the part of many of the pupils, and unfavourable home circumstances. In my view the habit of reading the Bible histories at home, as soon as the pupils are able to do it with intelligence, is one of the most valuable that can be formed at school.

STANDARDS V. AND VI., under Mr. Esdaile Duncan, the Headmaster.—The number present was 30. Here, as in the previous standard, it is my pleasing duty to report the eagerness manifested by the great bulk of the pupils to do credit to their teacher, which was all the more gratifying that they had been waiting their turn for a considerable time, and had been detained for at least an hour beyond the ordinary hour of dismissal. They might reasonably have been out of temper, and made themselves troublesome, but there was no symptom of either, and they would, I believe, have been disappointed if they had not had ample opportunity to show what they had learned. All parts of the memory-work were tested—five Psalms (5th, 7th, 14th, 20th, and 29th); four Paraphrases (33d, 37th, 39th, 42d); Proverbs, chapter viii., and John xv., and with one or two exceptions the repetition, as on former occasions, was remarkably good. Examining on 1st Kings the Headmaster took the earlier part of Solomon's reign, while I asked about the separation of the Kingdoms, Jeroboam's History and Sins, Elijah, etc. At all these points of the history, the pupils' knowledge was accurate and full. In New Testament History, Mark's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles had both been studied. The answers on the portions of Mark examined on were good, those on

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Acts as in former years exceedingly good. In the latter they were asked about Stephen, Cornelius, Paul's journeys (1st and 2d), his shipwreck, and his appearance before kings and rulers, and at all these points the answers were most satisfactory.

I would again refer with approbation to Mr. Duncan's plan of requiring his pupils to draw illustrative maps of the portion of Bible History they are studying. On this occasion I saw maps executed by the older pupils in which the principal places referred to in Mark were indicated, and others containing the journeyings of the Apostle Paul.

Only a few minutes could be spared for Shorter Catechism. I was greatly pleased with the accuracy with which the answers were repeated and explanations given.

Deanhaugh Street School.

The examination of this School was taken on Tuesday the 15th of July.

THE INFANTS AND PART OF STANDARD I. under Miss Mackenzie, assisted by two pupil-teachers.—The number present was 103, of whom 29 were new-comers, and accordingly were not presented. The Psalms (23d and 121st) and Paraphrases (2d and 37th) that were professed were repeated with almost perfect accuracy. The meaning also had, more or less, been got. By Standard I. the Commandments were said very well indeed. The examination, both on Old Testament and New revealed careful and successful teaching. Some of the leading facts relating to the miracles of Christ had been taught in an interesting and memorable fashion.

STANDARD I.—*Upper Section* under Miss Mitchell, pupil-teacher in her third year.—The number present was 20. Two Psalms (1st and 8th) and two Paraphrases (2d and 37th) were repeated almost quite perfectly. The mistakes made consisted chiefly in the misnaming of words, a point that requires to be very carefully watched. The following is a specimen of a kind of mistake that was made several times over in this Standard and in some of those above it.

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In the third verse of the 37th Paraphrase a boy substituted "David's life" for "David's line," and then in the fourth line, in order to preserve the rhyme, he substituted "sife" for "sign." In another Standard, in the 42d Paraphrase, "prophecy divine" was substituted for "providence divine." A few had got the meaning very well, but a good many could not answer much on it. The Ten Commandments were very well repeated, and simple applications of them to ordinary life well understood. In Old Testament History, on which alone there was time for examination, some of the pupils answered thoroughly well, but there was a considerable residuum from whom little could be got.

STANDARD II., under Miss Scott, pupil-teacher in her fifth year. The number present was 48. The 100th and 121st Psalms and 33d and 42d Paraphrases were repeated almost quite perfectly, each giving a little in turn. The errors again consisted in the misnaming or misplacing of words. Not so much of the meaning had been got as I could have desired. The Commandments also were correctly repeated. The teacher's examination on the Birth of Jesus, His visit to the Temple, and Baptism by John, showed that the knowledge of the pupils on these points was quite satisfactory. They answered also fairly well on "the Temptation," "Transfiguration," and Death of Jesus. A few of the pupils did very much better than others. In Old Testament History the Life of Jacob was very well known, that of Moses not quite so well. I was satisfied that the work of this Standard had been done with great care, earnestness, and a considerable amount of skill. Altogether the impression left on my mind was very much more favourable than last year.

STANDARD III., under Mr. Philip Anderson, a pupil-teacher in his fourth year. The number present was 31.

A considerable amount of memory-work was professed, and, for the most part, was very well said. The 146th Psalm and Mary's Song were less perfectly known than the other portions. My experience in other Schools shows that the Psalms, etc., may be so mastered as not to require the suggestion of the first word of the successive verses by the teachers, and I am of opinion that the pupils should be required to be independent of this help. The meaning had only partially been got. Examination on the Life of Moses and the first two plagues showed that the teaching had been thorough, minuter

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points being known in addition to the more outstanding facts. On the miracles of Christ one boy and one girl answered remarkably well, a good many others well, some, probably new-comers or irregular attenders, poorly. With this Standard's work also I was much better satisfied than last session.

STANDARDS IV., V., and VI. were examined together. The Fourth Standard has been taught by Mr. Topping, a pupil-teacher in his fourth year, the Fifth and Sixth by the Head-master, Mr. Gloag, who however has this session been able very frequently to exchange with the pupil-teachers in charge of the lower Standards. There were present in the Fourth Standard 28, and in the Fifth and Sixth 12 pupils. The repetition of all three Standards embraced an extensive field, and had been very well mastered. I had a specimen of each portion of it, including the 53d of Isaiah and the last of Ecclesiastes from the Fourth Standard, and the 103d Psalm, in prose, and 8th of Proverbs, from the Fifth and Sixth Standards. I was glad to find the meaning also of the chapters of Isaiah and Ecclesiastes on the whole well understood. The answers on the most outstanding facts in the Book of Judges were given readily and correctly, as also on the two first chapters of Joshua. The Fifth and Sixth Standards answered exceedingly well on various parts of 1st Samuel. The leading facts had been thoroughly mastered. In New Testament there was time only for a brief examination on some of the leading Parables. The pupils' knowledge of the *meaning* of several examined on was less full and precise than I could have wished. Otherwise this part of the session's work, like the Old Testament History, was entirely satisfactory.

The progress made by this School since last session has been very marked. The circumstances of the building are not favourable, and results equal to those reached in the best of the Board Schools are probably not attainable. The success that has been this year achieved reflects the greatest credit on all the teaching staff. To a large extent it is due, I believe, to the frequent interchanges of the Head-master with his pupil-teachers.

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Holyrood Infant School.

I visited this School on Thursday the 10th of July. The pupils are arranged in two sections, a higher, in which 83 were present, and a lower, with 53 in attendance. The 23d Psalm and three Paraphrases (the 2d, 43d, and 54th) were professed, and were repeated, each pupil giving one or two lines in turn, with scarcely any mistake. A good many showed that they had also learned something of the meaning of the verses. In the lower section, where the children are very young, the repetition was taken simultaneously, and all, except those who had only recently come to the school, took part. The older pupils also repeated, and answered simple questions on the Commandments very creditably indeed. Both sections answered on Old Testament History very well. The early Life of Christ, the ministry of John the Baptist, and in a general way the Miracles of Christ, were very well known.

I was satisfied that a large amount of diligent and successful work had been done by Mrs. Anderson and her pupil-teachers. The results, I am happy to be able to report, were very considerably in advance of those of last year, and seemed to me, in the circumstances, to be quite satisfactory.

North Canongate School.

When I visited this School it had been open for only 18 weeks. Owing to a mistake, I visited it a few weeks earlier than I needed to have done, and the teachers had no time for sufficient revisal of the work gone over.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Brander.—There were present in the lower section 57, in the upper 36. Miss Brander charges herself specially with the lower section; Miss Bonnar, Certificated Assistant, takes the upper.

In the lower section the 23d Psalm and 2d Paraphrase were well said, and the meaning given. Verses learned incidentally in

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connection with the portions taken up in Genesis were correctly repeated, in answer to the teacher's questions. The teaching seemed to me skilful, and the light in which the incidents were presented seemed likely to interest the pupils and make them memorable. A greater fulness of particulars at some points would have been desirable.

The senior section under Miss Bonnar did very well indeed in examination on the 23d and 100th Psalms, and the 2d Paraphrase. The meaning of the verses learned had been carefully impressed. On both Old and New Testament History the pupils answered very well, considering that the class is still only being formed.

STANDARD I., since April under Mr. Bell.—The number present was 80, of whom, however, 26 had been in attendance less than two weeks. The irregularity of the pupils of this Standard has been such, that 40 notices of absence, on an average, are, I am informed, sent home every day. Everything considered, the repetition of three Psalms (23d, 100th, and 121st) and three Paraphrases (2d, 4th, and 11th), was fairly well done. On the part of some of the pupils a measure of understanding of the meaning was shown. In Old and New Testament History, the results were only fairly satisfactory. The material on which Mr. Bell has had to operate is probably as bad as is to be found in any school, but judging from what I saw of his method and the admirable results I was able to report when he was in Stockbridge, I have not the least doubt that very soon the work done in this Standard will merit strong commendation.

STANDARD II., under Miss MacIvor.—The number present was 80, of whom however 26 had been present less than two months. Matthew v. 1-12, 1 Cor. xiii., and two Paraphrases (4th and 11th), were said very well indeed. All who were presented took part, and among these there were scarcely any failures. The meaning of a good many of the words had not been so generally mastered as I could have wished. One boy, David Archer, both in this department of the work and afterwards, arrested my attention by the singularly intelligent answers which he gave. The Ten Commandments were correctly repeated. I was much pleased with the result of the examination on New Testament History, so far as it had been studied. I got an answer from nearly every

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pupil as they were asked individually in succession. There was little time for the Old Testament, but what I saw of the work was good.

STANDARDS III. and IV. have for some time been taken by Mr. Swanston, the Head-master, 73 were in attendance, but of these 32 had been admitted within the last two months. Five Psalms (23d, 93d, 100th, 121st, 130th), four Paraphrases (2d, 4th, 11th, 27th), Luke i. 46-55, and Isaiah, 53d chapter, were repeated, each pupil saying a little. The repetition of this large amount of work was exceedingly well done, scarcely any failing to do their part. It showed very conclusively how much could be accomplished within a comparatively short period under energetic and devoted teaching. Nor had the meaning been neglected. In connection with the 11th and 27th Paraphrases the pupils were asked about such words as *wisdom, choice, celestial, refuge, grace, humble, hallowed*, etc., and more or less generally over the class all were known. In testing the pupils' understanding of Isaiah 53d, I asked the verses that referred to the *burial of Christ, His triumph, man's sin*, etc., and got them promptly and correctly. The examination on the Wanderings in the Wilderness and the Parables gave on the whole very satisfactory results. The Parable of the Husbandman was not so well known, but the answers were thoroughly good on the Lost Sheep, the Lost Money, the Prodigal Son, the Sower and the Tares. Throughout, the work done was shown to have been very thorough, and an excellent spirit was manifested by the pupils. Nearly every boy and girl of those who were examined seemed anxious to do well.

STANDARDS V. and VI. These Standards have received their Bible teaching from Miss Ligertwood. 32 were present, but 4 had newly joined the class. Romans viii. 28-39, Psalm 103d, in prose, Psalm 145th (metrical version), and two Paraphrases (the 30th and 54th), were repeated in a very creditable style. The meaning also, as tested in various ways, was well understood. In Shorter Catechism the answers were given very accurately by the great majority of the pupils. In a general way the meaning was understood, but not with the minuteness that I think to be desirable. I was much pleased with the way in which the first portion of 1st Samuel and 12 chapters of Luke had been mastered. Miss

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Ligertwood's kind and gentle manner, combined as it is with entire control of her pupils, seemed to me peculiarly well adapted for effective Bible teaching, and I felt convinced that, during her four or five months' connection with this class, excellent work had been done.

Roseburn School.

I examined this School on Thursday the 19th of June. I found in attendance 59 in the Infant Department and Standard I., and 30 in Standard II. The existence of a second Standard in this School dates only from December last.

INFANT DEPARTMENT and STANDARD I., under Miss Donaldson and pupil-teacher.—The 23d Psalm; 2d, 54th, and 64th Paraphrases were well said by all, except those who had been admitted since May. Simple and interesting explanations accompanied the repetition. A few texts and the Commandments were said by a considerable number. The examination by the teacher on the first three chapters of Genesis gave unusually good results. Each point had evidently been presented in a form level to the children's capacity, and made interesting to them, so that more was known than perhaps might have been expected. Considering their age, the pupils answered remarkably well on some of the principal miracles of Christ. The principal teachings of each had also been given.

STANDARD II., under Miss Donaldson and a pupil-teacher.—Five of the pupils had been admitted since May, and were not examined. Psalm 63d, and the 11th and 60th Paraphrases, were repeated with scarcely any mistake. The meaning had been more or less explained. Still the answering was not so good as I could have wished. The Beatitudes were almost perfectly said, and a good deal of the meaning had been got. Questions 39 to 62 in the Shorter Catechism were said with singular correctness, considering the intricacy of some of the later answers.

The results were equally satisfactory when the pupils were examined on the Lives of Jacob and Joseph, the early Life of Christ, and some of His Miracles. The incidents had evidently been presented in a simple and vivid style, with considerable fulness of detail, and consequently they remained in the children's memories,

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and were easily recalled. There were traces also of all the instruction having been imparted with a moral and spiritual purpose definitely in view.

Altogether the work in this school has been most conscientious, skilful and successful.

St. Leonard's School.

I visited this School on Tuesday the 3d of June.

THE INFANT DEPARTMENT is taught in three Divisions. The first and second include the children under five and seven respectively, the third those who are to be presented in Standard I. Miss Prentice, the teacher of the third division, was absent ill. On the day of examination there were present in all 188.

Division I. said the hymns they had committed, two lines each, quite correctly. A number of texts also had been learned, which were brought out in an interesting and instructive style. A great deal of pains and care had evidently been expended on these little children.

In the higher division the six hymns that had been learned were gone over. A few repeated simultaneously; the other pupils did a little each. The result was quite satisfactory. Texts each beginning in succession with a letter of the alphabet were also well said, and seemed to be understood. In Bible History the large proportion answered very well. The Board, I doubt not, are aware of the disadvantages under which Miss Cameron labours in the present Infant Room. In view of these disadvantages the success of her work does her very great credit.

STANDARD I., under Miss Gilchrist, is still taught in the hall at a little distance from the main building. Eighty were present on the day of examination; three of these had only recently been admitted. Three Psalms (1st, 8th, and 23d) and a Paraphrase (the 2d) were repeated, each saying a small portion. It was done extremely well; there were no failures. The meaning also of many of the words had been got by a considerable number. The Ten Commandments had been mastered, and were well said in

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small portions by each in turn. Genesis was professed. Abraham, at my request, was taken as the subject of examination. The teacher's handling of it and the pupils' answers were alike entirely satisfactory. The latter also showed that they had received earnest and careful teaching when tested on the Lives of Jacob and Esau in Old Testament History, and of John Baptist and Christ in the New Testament. Last Session the work of this Standard was highly satisfactory. I think there is advance this year.

STANDARD II. is taught in two Divisions, the lower by Miss Thallon; the upper, till April 30, had been under Mr. Davidson; since 12th May it had been in charge of Miss Swan. Both Divisions were examined together. In the lower Division 70 were present; in the upper 59. About a dozen of the pupils do not appear at the daily Bible Lesson. Three Psalms (8th, 19th, 20th), the 11th Paraphrase, and the Beatitudes (Matt. v. 1-12), were repeated in small portions, each pupil taking part, with almost perfect correctness. Not more than half-a-dozen failed to do what was required. The meaning of the words in Matt. v. was better understood than of several in the 19th Psalm. Not many seemed to attach any definite meaning to such expressions as "*declare* God's *glory*," "God's law is *perfect*," "*converts* the soul," etc. Miss Thallon explained that, as almost no home work could be exacted, little time was left for explaining at any length the meaning of what is learned. I would venture to suggest the plan of first explaining in a popular way the verses, clause by clause, and then having them committed. It would in the long-run, I believe, lighten the labour. The Ten Commandments were said in detached portions, and with satisfactory correctness. The teacher's examination on the Life of Jacob and the early Life of Christ gave good results. A good many of the pupils did not know portions of what was professed so well as I think ought to have been.

In addition to what I have already said of the difficulties to be overcome in connection with this Standard, it should be mentioned that the teacher of one of the divisions had been four times changed since the 3d of September, and that there had been almost no time for revisal in preparation for my visit.

STANDARD III. under Mr. M'Caull.—Present 91. Four Psalms (8th, 19th, 20th, 51st) were repeated. I was able to go more than

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once round the Class, each pupil giving a line, occasionally a whole verse. Scarcely anything could have been better than the way in which this exercise was done. Thirty verses from the Book of Proverbs had been committed, and were elicited successfully under such heads as verses teaching Obedience, Avoidance of Evil Companions, Moral Virtues, watchfulness in regard to Wine, etc. In Catechism from the 82d to the end was the portion professed. The earlier answers were thoroughly well given, and the meaning was in part understood. Of the Parables which had been studied, "the Marriage of the King's Son," "the Tares," "the Mustard Seed," "the Leaven," and "the Prodigal Son," were examined on in succession, and it was gratifying to find that not only were the broad outlines of the various stories known, but likewise the minuter details on which the interest for children so much depends. In Old Testament History the pupils answered thoroughly well on the Deliverance from Egypt, the earlier journeyings in the Wilderness, the incidents with which Aaron was connected, the spies, compassing Edom, crossing the Jordan, and the taking of Jericho. Were a little more done in the way of securing that the scholars thoroughly understand the meaning of what is learned in the Psalms and Catechism, I would regard the work of this Standard as being nearly everything that I could desire.

STANDARDS IV. V. and VI., under the Head-master, Mr. Andrew. There were present in all 78, of whom 4 were in the Sixth Standard. The amount of memory-work was very large. I heard a specimen of all the various portions of it, including Isaiah 53d, the last chapter of Ecclesiastes, Psalm 103d in prose, five Paraphrases, and one or two Psalms. With the exception of the 27th Psalm, all was excellently well done, both as regards accuracy, and, what is much rarer, distinct and intelligent utterance. The questions in the Catechism, 1 to 39, were remarkably well said by Standards IV. and V.; those after the 82d not quite so well. Nearly all the questions asked on the meaning of expressions in the answers on Prayer and Repentance were answered. In Old Testament History the teacher examined on Saul and the earlier portion of David's history. Every eye was fixed on the teacher, and all the pupils sought to help forward the lesson to the best of their ability. The teacher required them to think, and altogether the style of teaching was very admirable. On whatever portion

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of 1st Samuel they were examined, the answers were exceedingly good. The results were no less satisfactory when the subject of examination was the Life of Jesus at Nazareth, His trial, crucifixion, resurrection, etc.

As in my last report, I am glad to be able to speak in the strongest terms of Mr. Andrew's own work, and of the high state of efficiency of the whole of this large school.

West Fountainbridge School.

I visited this large school on Wednesday the 2d of July.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Vallance.—In Section II. there were present 171 children. The 23d Psalm and a Hymn had been learned, the latter of which was repeated. A large number of texts also on a great variety of subjects had been committed, and when suggested to the pupils by the teacher giving the first word they were readily and accurately said. It occurred to me that the children's intelligence would be slightly more exercised, were the subject with which the text deals named, rather than simply the first word. The questions put by Miss Vallance as well as by myself on Old Testament History were well answered.

SECTION I. is slightly in advance of Section II. It is taught by Miss Lambert. 73 were present. Two Psalms (1st and 2d), the 6th Paraphrase, and a Hymn were said. Perhaps *both* the Psalms selected (certainly the 2d) are too difficult for an infant class, and consequently were not accurately said by a considerable number. Answers to questions on Moses, Samuel and David were not so generally given as I could have wished. I was satisfied, however, that there had been careful and faithful teaching.

Another division of this section, and slightly in advance of Miss Lambert's, is taught by Miss Sharp. There were present 69. The same work was professed as in the other division. The memory-work was much more accurately done. The meaning also of such words as *potter, sherd, ire,* as well as of the statements made in the 2d Psalm, had been successfully explained. The examination on

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David, and a small portion of the Life of Christ, gave decidedly good results.

STANDARD I. has been under Mr. Thos. Paterson since the beginning of January. The number present was 104. Three Paraphrases (2d, 11th, 12th) were professed. They were repeated with a fair measure of accuracy. On the whole the pupils answered very well on Old and New Testament History. I was satisfied that a good deal of valuable instruction had been given, but better results might, I think, be produced in the memory-work.

STANDARD II., under Mr. Peattie.—Number present 145. Three Psalms (15th, 19th, 33d) were repeated, each pupil in turn saying one or two lines. It was very gratifying to find that scarcely any mistake was made, although the number presented was so large, and still more that the meaning, as far as there was time to test it, had been thoroughly mastered. For the sake of variety the 43d Psalm was *sung*. All seemed to take part. The answers on the Ten Commandments were not quite so good. On "the Transfiguration," and "the Temptation," in New Testament History, and certain portions of the Life of Joseph in the Old Testament, the pupils answered quite satisfactorily. I was much pleased with the spirit manifested by the class, especially with the desire evinced to make as good an appearance in the examination as possible. Taken along with the favourable results referred to above, it was evidence of good, conscientious work done by the teacher throughout the Session.

STANDARD III. is taught in three classes. The boys, numbering 47 on the day of examination, are under Mr. Matthew Sanderson, a pupil-teacher in his fourth year; the girls are in two classes, and taught by Miss Bell and Miss Masson, pupil-teachers, who are now at the end of their apprenticeship. In Miss Bell's class there were present 38; in Miss Masson's, which is not quite so advanced, the number was 31.

MR. SANDERSON'S CLASS.—I was much pleased with all that I saw of this class. The memory-work (Psalm 91st, Paraphrases 34th and 37th, Mary's Song, and a considerable number of Proverbs) was done with scarcely a single failure. The meaning also seemed to have been successfully got. The results in Old Testament History and the principal Miracles were almost equally good.

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Miss Bell and Miss Masson's classes were examined together. In repetition there was scarcely any failure. My examination on the meaning of the 91st Psalm gave results that were quite satisfactory. The knowledge of the portion of Old Testament History that was professed was not quite so thorough as I could have wished. On the whole, both classes did better in the examination on the Miracles of Christ. In both Old and New Testament History Miss Masson's class did slightly better than Miss Bell's.

STANDARD IV., BOYS, under Mr. Duke.—The number present was 53. The whole of the 5th chapter of Matthew was professed and said with a very large amount of accuracy. Nor was the exercise one of memory only. The various subjects treated of in the chapter were known by the pupils, and were in turn made to suggest any verse that had for the moment escaped their memory. The meaning of such expressions as "ye are the light of the world," "the salt of the earth," "agree with thine adversary quickly," and the like, was well explained. Specimen verses only could be taken of the Psalms and Paraphrases, six in number, that were professed. Here also everything was said with very great accuracy. In Bible History equally good work had been done. The Parables of "the Sower," and the others in Matthew xiii., "the Pharisee and Publican," and "the Talents," were minutely examined on. Both as regards the details of the Parables themselves and their significance, I found the pupils thoroughly well instructed.

STANDARD IV., GIRLS, under Miss Mitchell.—The number present was 67. Two Psalms (57th and 65th), two Paraphrases (52d and 63d), and Matthew v. 1-12 were repeated exceedingly well. There was scarcely a single failure. All the meanings also of individual words or expressions that were asked were answered. The importance of having the meaning had evidently been impressed on the pupils, and they were most enthusiastic in their desire to show that they had it. On Joshua and Judges some answered exceedingly well, but the knowledge was not quite so generally diffused as I could have desired. The same remark applies to the Parables. Thirty-nine questions of the Shorter Catechism were professed, and were repeated and explained in a very creditable style. Miss Mitchell's teaching on this occasion, as before, had

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evidently been of a most careful, painstaking and successful kind.

STANDARDS V. AND VI., under Miss Cuthbertson.—The number present was 57. Three Psalms (34th, 116th, and 124th) and three Paraphrases (15th, 39th, and 58th) were repeated by the majority of the class quite correctly. The first word of the successive verses however was more frequently suggested by the teacher than is generally found necessary, and very probably was not required. The meaning also had been well got on the whole. In Catechism, from the 98th to the end, with the proofs, had been learned. The answers were repeated quite correctly, and the proofs also when the first words were suggested. The selection of the questions from the 98th to the end to be committed along with the proofs seems to me to be open to objection. If in the Catechism the Lord's Prayer alone is to be studied, the proofs might I think be dispensed with. There seems no reason why the highest Standards should not face the doctrinal parts of the Catechism. In Old Testament History, the Temple had been selected as the only subject of study—its building, destruction, and rebuilding. There are advantages in confining the attention of the older pupils to some limited range of topics, if they are led thereby thoroughly to master all that is embraced within it. I was disappointed however to find that in this case the pupils' knowledge on all the points was superficial. The teacher's strength had evidently been laid out in the study of John's Gospel. I examined on all parts of it, and in every case the result was highly satisfactory. The subject-matter of the principal discourses was known, and illustrative verses readily quoted by the pupils, *ex. gr.*, from that with Nicodemus, with the woman at the well, from the allegory of the Good Shepherd, and the words spoken to Pilate at the trial of Jesus. Such a knowledge as the pupils showed that they possessed of a Gospel like that of John would alone warrant the conclusion that diligent and effective work had been done with these Standards throughout the Session.

Altogether the results of the examination have been on this occasion greatly in advance of those attained at the same time last year, and evince a very high state of efficiency throughout the school.

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West Port School.

I visited this school on Thursday the 12th of June. The average attendance for the week ending May 16th was 283, May 23d, 260, May 30th, 238, June 6th, 254, June 12th, 280. The disadvantage under which the teachers laboured in revising with a view to the examination, will at once be obvious.

INFANT DEPARTMENT.—DIVISION II., under a pupil-teacher at the end of her first year, superintended by Miss Robertson.—Number present 62, of whom 12 had come to school since "the term." A number of texts and a hymn were well repeated. The plan of asking pupils to give a text on a particular subject, *ex. gr.*, *obedience*, *lying*, or the like, is better than a general invitation to repeat a text. It secures a certain amount of intelligence in regard to the meaning. It should not be assumed that even phrases so simple as "obey your parents," "learn of me," suggest ideas to young children's minds. On Old and New Testament History the answering was pretty good.

DIVISION I., under Miss Robertson.—Number present 63, of whom 7 had joined since the end of May. A large number of texts, the 23d Psalm, the 2d Paraphrase, and a Hymn, were very well repeated. With scarcely any exception, each in turn gave the line or two that were required. In Bible History, the examination on the raising of Lazarus and the healing of the Impotent Man gave very good results; that on some parts of Abraham's life not so good. The incidents connected with the offering up of Isaac and some other points were well known.

The teaching of this department is in my opinion thoroughly good. Frequent revisal of ground gone over in the Bible History, when each child in turn is required to answer, and not merely those who have their hands out, may be recommended.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.—DIVISION IV., STANDARD I., under a pupil-teacher at the end of her third year.—Number present 56, of whom, however, several were new-comers.

The texts professed were longer than in the Infant Department; they were very well said. The 1st and 133d Psalms, and the 37th

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Paraphrase, were repeated by all in turn (excepting a very few), with commendable accuracy. The knowledge of the portions professed of Old and New Testament History was only general, and sometimes imperfect. The answers were good on what was taken by the teacher. The circumstances of both the pupils and the school are unfavourable; still definiteness in regard to the incidents of the History, and frequent reiteration should impress the Lives of Esau, Ishmael, etc., more permanently on the pupils' minds.

DIVISION III., STANDARD II., under Mr. James Hastie, a pupil-teacher at the end of his fourth year, the Head-master exchanging with him from time to time.—Number present 31. Psalm 137th, and Paraphrases 1st, 11th, and 41st, were repeated with perfect accuracy, except by those who had been members of the class for a few weeks only. The examination on the meaning of the 41st Paraphrase gave pretty good results. The Beatitudes also were recited with almost perfect accuracy. In Catechism from the 39th to the 82d was professed, and the earlier portion was thoroughly well said. The meaning in a general way had been more or less got. A great amount of hard and persevering work must have been expended before results so satisfactory could have been attained. In Old and New Testament History some were found, in almost every instance, able to give the required answers, but I could have wished that the knowledge of the subject had been more generally distributed.

DIVISION II., STANDARD III., under Mr. William Dalgleish, a pupil-teacher at the end of his second year.—Number present 20. Four Paraphrases (11th, 26th, 37th, and 44th), selected Proverbs, and the last third of the Shorter Catechism, were well known by about half of the class, by the others imperfectly. A good deal was known of the miracles of Christ, and of the journeyings of the Israelites, but not so fully as could have been desired.

DIVISION I., STANDARDS IV. AND V., under Mr. Robertson, Head-master.—Number present 23. I heard the pupils repeat four Psalms (8th, 12th, 19th, 34th), two Paraphrases (40th and 41st), the 53d chapter of Isaiah, and the last chapter of Ecclesiastes. Scarcely any error was made, and every pupil did well. This part of the work was as well done as in any of the schools I visited. When tested for intelligence, the results were on the

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whole good. The Shorter Catechism also (1 to 38) had been very well learned. The teacher makes a point of explaining the answers both in themselves and in their connections so far as time admits. The specimen of this exercise which I heard suggested that it was likely to be of material value to the pupils. A tolerably exhaustive examination on Joshua and Judges gave excellent results. The map was constantly referred to, and altogether the style of teaching was of a superior kind. Owing to the lateness of the hour, only a few questions on the New Testament Parables could be asked. From the answers given, the pupils, I believe, would have shown, if there had been opportunity, equally satisfactory acquaintance with this part of their work as with the Old Testament History.

Taking the school as a whole, I am happy to be able to report marked improvement as compared with last year. Considering the class of children which attend it, their irregularity, the disadvantages of the school premises, and the fact that the staff for all the Standards consists only of pupil-teachers, I feel strongly that Mr. Robertson deserves hearty commendation for the large measure of success he has achieved.

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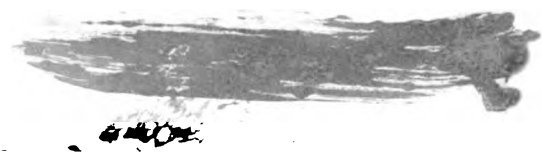

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